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## Japanese Mideast policies defined

TOKYO, April 4 (AFP) — The Japanese government in a 25-page booklet published Friday spelled out its policy toward the Palestinian problem, affirming that the Palestinian Liberation Organization is the legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

It, however, threw full support behind the U.N. resolutions securing the existence of Israel. Foreign ministry officials said the booklet, entitled "Japan and the Palestine Question" is aimed at clearing up misunderstandings about Japan's Mideast policy and dispelling criticisms that Japan's attitude toward the question is inconsistent.

Ambassadors from Arab countries were called to the foreign ministry earlier in the day to be briefed on the document, a copy of which also was sent to the Tokyo office of the PLO, they said.

The publication said that Japan's position was based on the conviction that the Palestinian question was at the heart of the Middle East problem and that carrying out the United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 should be a pre-

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## Sadat vows self-rule for Gaza Strip

TEL AVIV, April 4 (AP) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in an interview published Friday, said he was ready to impose autonomy on the occupied Gaza Strip to put an end to the suffering under Israeli control.

In an interview with the afternoon daily *Yadot Aharonot*, Sadat said he would present "specific alternatives" to President Jimmy Carter next week to break the deadlock in the autonomy negotiations. He would not elaborate.

Sadat repeated his assertion that not to complete the autonomy talks by the May 26 deadline would "create a new situation," but refused to discuss specifics. Other Egyptian officials have said talks could continue past that date, which marks one year after the beginning of the negotiations.

The Egyptian leader has previously suggested implementing autonomy first in Gaza, deferring action in the West Bank, where opposition to the plan is strong. But he told the Israeli newspaper he had proposed to Prime Minister Menahem Begin at their Aswan summit that autonomy begin in Jerusalem as well.

"I suggested to Begin that we agree on the principle of autonomy and then implement it first in Gaza and Jerusalem, because Egypt has special possibilities in Gaza and Jerusalem," Sadat said.

Israel agreed to consider the proposal for Gaza, but refuses to include Jerusalem's 100,000 Palestinians in the autonomy scheme. Israel annexed East Jerusalem in 1967 and rejects any suggestions to redivide the city, one of the thorniest issues in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Asked about the Palestinians' refusal to join autonomy talks, Sadat said, "I would be very happy to impose full autonomy in Gaza in place of conquest. I would not be embarrassed to impose autonomy, to put an end to the suffering under Israeli conquest."

Sadat said he remained optimistic about the autonomy talks because "I have a sixth sense that says we will succeed." But he added that if the talks fail, "Begin will be responsible before the whole world."

Meanwhile, Egypt struck back at verbal

## U.S. firms interested in Israel Aid offered for jet fighter

TEL AVIV, April 4 (AFP) — Three American aircraft firms are interested in helping Israel build the advanced fighter-bomber that will be named the "Lavie" (Lion), the *Jerusalem Post* reported Friday.

Its military correspondent wrote that McDonnell Douglas Corporation, Northrop and General Dynamics have asked the Israeli Aeronautical Industries (IAI) for details.

McDonnell Douglas President Sandy McDonnell is expected in Israel in three months, the *Post* said.

The newspaper said there was reason to believe that the Carter administration has not only authorized sale of General Electric corporation's F-40 jet engine to power the Lavie, but would not reserve the right to keep Israel from selling the craft to other countries.

## Iraq closes DFLP office

BEIRUT, April 4 (R) — The Iraqi government has closed the Baghdad office of a pro-Soviet Palestinian commando group and ordered its staff to leave Iraq within 24 hours, a spokesman for the group said.

The Iraqi move affected the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), the most outspokenly pro-Soviet of the eight organizations under the umbrella of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

A DFLP spokesman said the staff of the Baghdad office, about five people arrived here early Friday.

Arab diplomats said the closure of the DFLP office underlined Iraq's steady march

to the political right over the past two years, a period which has brought the Baghdad government closer to Saudi Arabia.

The spokesman said the Iraqi decision had been taken because of the DFLP's vocal opposition to a Pan-Arab Popular Congress held in Baghdad last month to discuss a "national charter" proposed by President Saddam Hussein last February.

The spokesman said the DFLP and the Iraqi government had also been in conflict over Middle East policy issues, with the DFLP insisting on categorical opposition to American-sponsored moves to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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PALESTINIAN ISSUE: Zehdi Terzi, PLO representative addresses the Security Council when it opened a new debate on the Palestinian issue. The debate was adjourned Monday without setting a date for the next meeting.

attacks from the Palestine Liberation Organization Thursday as the U.N. Security Council met to break off debate on Palestine till July.

A behind-the-scenes agreement between Western and Third World delegates for adjournment to that time obviated the possibility of a U.S. veto of a resolution calling for a Palestinian state.

Informed diplomats, asking not to be identified, said the agreement was worked out Wednesday and adopted Thursday after the

## Klibi in Jeddah for League talks

JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi has arrived in Jeddah from Iraq on the second leg of a tour of Arab countries for talks on Arab and international issues.

Klibi said the aim of his tour was to bring Arab points of view closer together and to consult Arab leaders on matters of interest to its agenda.

In Baghdad Klibi said he also discussed League preparations for an Arab economic summit conference in Jordan later this year, according to the Iraqi News Agency. He will also visit Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

On arrival here Thursday, Klibi was received by Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masood, minister of state, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Thunayan, deputy foreign minister, Sheikh Salem Sunbul, chief of protocol of the foreign office, and the Tunisian Ambassador Qasim Boucinnah.

Such a summit therefore already has unanimous support.

On the other hand, a proposal by Iraq for a conference of kings and heads of state to examine an inter-Arab charter poses certain

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denied it. But other diplomats said the policy paper linked the quality of normalization to progress on the ten-month-old deadlocked negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

Whether the cause is the Israeli press cite examples of the boycott of Ben Elissar. A scheduled address by the ambassador to Cairo's Foreign Press Association was suddenly canceled. The reports claimed, because the FPA succumbed to pressure from Egyptian officials to indefinitely postpone the meeting.

But the FPA chairman denied the report, saying it was Ben Elissar himself who begged off five days before the scheduled meeting. FPA members guessed it was because the ambassador would be asked some hard questions about Israeli settlements in occupied territories and their effects on autonomy.

Another indication of the cold shoulder given Ben Elissar is a reception held to introduce the new Cairo bureau chief for *Time* magazine to the diplomatic and journalistic community here. It coincided with Ben Elissar's arrival and many Egyptian guests did not show up, apparently thinking it was a reception held in honor of the new ambassador. Some of the guests-to-be later denied

At the time a foreign ministry spokesman

that, saying they had previous engagements.

Divany told the Associated Press that Ben Elissar and his staff were being treated like any other embassy personnel in Egypt, no more, no less.

"We deal with them with no hang-ups. He even has had some preferential treatment. He presented his papers on the same day with four other ambassadors. So far he is the only one of them who has had an audience with the President Sadat, the Vice President (Hosni Mubarak) twice, the Prime Minister (Moustafa Khalil) and Foreign Minister Ghali," Divany said.

He conceded that Ben Elissar had a harder task than most other newly arrived ambassadors in Cairo because he had to start from scratch while they just took over long established missions.

"Most ambassadors are handed a social life and well established relations by their predecessors. In his case he has to create these relationships, they are not prepared in advance for him, and we can't make such preparations. He has to go to them, they won't come to him," Divany said.

Another foreign ministry official who declined use of his name said Ben Elissar was

too aloof and taken up with the prestige of being the first ambassador.

"He's thrilled with being driven around in a big car with a police escort, and eating every day in a different restaurant. That's not how you meet people. Maybe when he has a home it'll get better," the official said.

Ambassador and Mrs. Ben Elissar have been living in the Cairo Sheraton Hotel since their arrival, but have reportedly rented an apartment overlooking the Nile close to their hotel, and will be moving there soon.

"But he is not making an effort. He has not even been round to introduce himself to the heads of the different sections in the ministry, or applied for a membership at any sports club like, all other ambassadors do on arrival," the official said.

He added it was wrong to compare Ben Elissar's situation in Cairo to that of Egypt's ambassador to Israel Saad Mortada.

"For Israel Mortada is the ambassador of the first and largest Arab nation. And Tel Aviv is a small capital, so naturally wherever he circulates he is noticed. He is like the plum in the pudding, sought after. But here we're a large capital and people have to make themselves felt," Divany said.

## Minister hails strong dollar

Aba Al-Khalil  
welcomes curbs on U.S. inflation

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 4 — Finance Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil said here that Saudi Arabia welcomes both President Carter's approach to control inflation and the U.S. dollar's new strength in the world money market.

Speaking at a press conference Wednesday which closed two days of meetings here between U.S. and Saudi officials on joint economic cooperation, Aba Al-Khalil said the administration's plans to hold down consumer prices and restrict credit expenditures "will not only help the United States but will have a positive impact on the whole world."

Answering a question on the renewed strength of the U.S. dollar, Aba Al-Khalil said Saudi Arabia "is pleased with the stabilization of the U.S. currency."

He also termed the dollar's new strength "very significant for the international monetary fund and an improvement as a whole in the world economic picture."

Also at Wednesday's press conference, both Aba Al-Khalil and U.S. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller heaped praise on the joint economic commission and indicated the commission will have a broader role under Saudi Arabia's third five-year plan.



Sheikh Aba Al Khalil

In addition to meeting with Treasury officials during his visit here, Aba Al-Khalil also met with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and chairman of the Federal Reserve Board Paul Volcker.

Aba Al-Khalil did not elaborate on these talks other than to say that the main point discussed were President Carter's anti-inflation drive and the policy of the Federal Reserve Board.

While Aba Al-Khalil met with senior U.S. officials, special bilateral working groups held discussions on economic cooperative projects with several U.S. government agencies.

A joint communiqué issued at the close of the two-day meeting said there will be particular future emphasis in these fields: agriculture and water, desalination, agricultural credit, manpower training and development, science and technology research, highway administration and consumer protection.

The communiqué also said that two project agreements will be amended later this year.

The scope of the desalination research and training project agreement will be expanded and the statistics and data processing agreement, which was due to expire in August will be extended.

Since the joint commission began operating in 1975, the two countries have signed 19 project agreements and nearly 200 American technical experts work in the Kingdom on these projects.

The next meeting of the joint economic commission will be held during 1981 in Saudi Arabia.

Miller and Aba Al-Khalil signed an extension to the original joint commission agreement during Miller's visit to Saudi Arabia last November. The agreement is now due to expire in February 1985.

## New Italian cabinet sworn into office

ROME, April 4 (R) — Italy's new cabinet was sworn in Friday giving the country its first majority government in six years and the prospect of a badly-needed period of political stability. The new center-left administration, headed by Prime Minister Francesco Cossiga, is a coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists and Republicans.

It muster a comfortable 60-seat majority in the 620-seat chamber of deputies (lower house). This will give Cossiga a free hand to tackle Italy's ailing economy and a mounting wave of political violence.

The cabinet, the 39th since the end of World War II, was sworn in by President Sandro Pertini a few hours after Cossiga announced his new cabinet list. Key to the resolution of the two-week government was the decision of the Socialist Party, Italy's third largest political force, to scrap its long-time loose alliance with the second-placed Communist Party.

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## Hasa villages improved

HASA, April 4 (SPA) — Hasa Social Development Center improved 140 houses in various villages within a four-month program. Khalifa Al-Naim, director of the center, said Friday.

He said the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs contributed SR255,000 to the project.

The center, which aims at raising the health and living standards of the inhabitants, also organized a contest entitled "Present for the Baby" to help raise the health standards of wives and pregnant ladies, he added.

The first public committee for the project was set up this year in Omra and the ministry had given SR32,000 to help its activities, which consist in drawing up plans and carrying out multiple projects in the area, such as a

girl's workshop and a kindergarten. Naim said the ministry this year gave the center a total SR780,000 for 45 projects implemented by the center, while the public gave SR2,374,682.

He pointed out that beneficiaries of the center's projects totalled 8,515 from 21 villages around Hasa. The official said that last week a project to encourage agricultural production and train farmers was completed. The Ministry of Agriculture had given SR150,000 for the project.

He indicated that other similar projects and contests were underway such as health projects, cleanliness campaigns, first aid training, literacy courses and women's activities.

## Murderer receives death sentence

MECCA, April 4 (SPA) — Convict Saad ibn Said ibn Moajjal Al-Azemi was executed here Friday for assassinating Musikh ibn Duhaian Al-Thalabi, an interior Ministry statement has said.

According to the statement, accused Al-Azemi shot Thalabi into the head killing him instantly. It happened when the victim went to the assassin's house and demanded payment for the animal he had sold to him. Thereupon Al-Azemi shot him dead and took Thalabi's body to a far-off place to hide it.

Security officials, however, unearthed the crime and arrested the culprit. He was taken to the court in Mecca, whose verdict to execute Al-Azemi was endorsed by the Supreme Council of the Judiciary.

Following a royal decree to implement the court's order, criminal Al-Azemi was executed here after the Friday prayer, the statement said, adding that the government desires to eliminate the crime and to punish those who are tempted to disturb the country's security.

## Saudia inaugurates Kenya air route

JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — Saudia, the Saudi national carrier, Thursday opened new flight to Kenya via Somalia.

The inaugural flight left Jeddah Airport Thursday to Mogadishu and will then proceed to Nairobi.

### PRAYER TIMES

Saturday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:57	6:15	12:30	3:55	6:39	8:09
Medina	4:45	6:09	12:22	3:59	6:42	8:12
Nejd	3:26	5:45	12:01	3:28	6:11	7:41

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## Saudi Comment

By Saleh Muhammad Jamal  
Al Medina

sanction.

The persistent absconding of labor does not convince anyone that there is any deterrent measure to make the contractor stick to his commitments. The absconder works as he likes, then returns to the passport office to be deported at the expense of his sponsor as if he has done nothing.

To say some laborers are not just treated in the matter of wages does not provide good ground for their running away and not being called to account. A sound solution seems to be to consider their complaints at the Labor Office and to do them justice, instead of seizing the employer by the collar and leaving the worker free to do as he likes.

I myself have seen justice being meted out at the Labor Office in Mecca. But, regrettably, most workers resort to absconding at the eruption of the first difference with the employer, without caring to call at the Labor Office. This phenomenon could be checked from spreading if the deserter receives deterrent punishment and other workers are made aware of the

sanction. If campaigns against the illegal residents also include the absconders from work and the law is applied fully to the deserter and his shelterer, the phenomenon of running away from work could vanish all too soon. The laborers would not dare to earn visas from brokers for thousands of rivals and then work in the Kingdom for free to earn much more than they paid for the visa.

So long as we are importing labor, unmindful of their flight from responsibility and various commitments, we cannot achieve any stability in the wages. Picking a laborer from the street and employing him at double the wages is, therefore, far better than importing one and bearing contract responsibilities for a year at least.

I would, therefore, stress on deterrent punishment for the fugitives. They ought to be relentlessly chased as mere notice in the newspapers will neither prove any fruitful result nor put an end to this phenomenon. It would only gain momentum and encourage others to desert their contracts as long as the results of such an action are guaranteed in their favor.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — Tunisian Interior Minister Idriss Guiga arrived here Friday evening at the head of a delegation of his country on a five-day visit to Saudi Arabia. He was met at the airport by Governor of Mecca Prince Majed, Mecca Police Commander Lt. Gen. Ali Al-Mash'ooft and other officials. During his visit, Guiga will discuss with his Saudi opposite number Prince Naif cooperation in the field of security.

RIYADH, April 4 (SPA) — Argentina's Minister of Agriculture George Zui Gutier arrives here Saturday on a short visit to Saudi Arabia. He will discuss with Saudi officials cooperation in the field of agriculture and water.

DAMMAM, April 4 (SPA) — Al-Nasr soccer team of Riyadh Friday evening beat Al-Nahda of Dammam 1-0 in the context of the super league. The goal was scored by Darwish Said at the 32nd minute of the second half-time as a penalty.

## Eastern Province takes first-class duel

## Saudi swim teams compete

JEDDAH, April 4 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Thursday won Obhur Creek sixth long distance swimming championship for first class swimmers.

The junior championship for swimmers under 17 was won by the Western Province and the junior championship under 15 was won by Hasa province.

Meanwhile, in Dammam, Al-Ittifaq soccer team beat Ohod of Medina 4-1 Thursday evening in a match of the super league.

Bousors of Obod team placed a goal during the first half. At the second half-time Al-Ittifaq team managed to score four times. Once at the 10th minute by Mufit Ghara then at the 11th minute by Muhammed Mubarak, at the 13th minute by Issa Khal and at the 46th minute by Saleh Khalifa.

## Education Ministry to hold conference

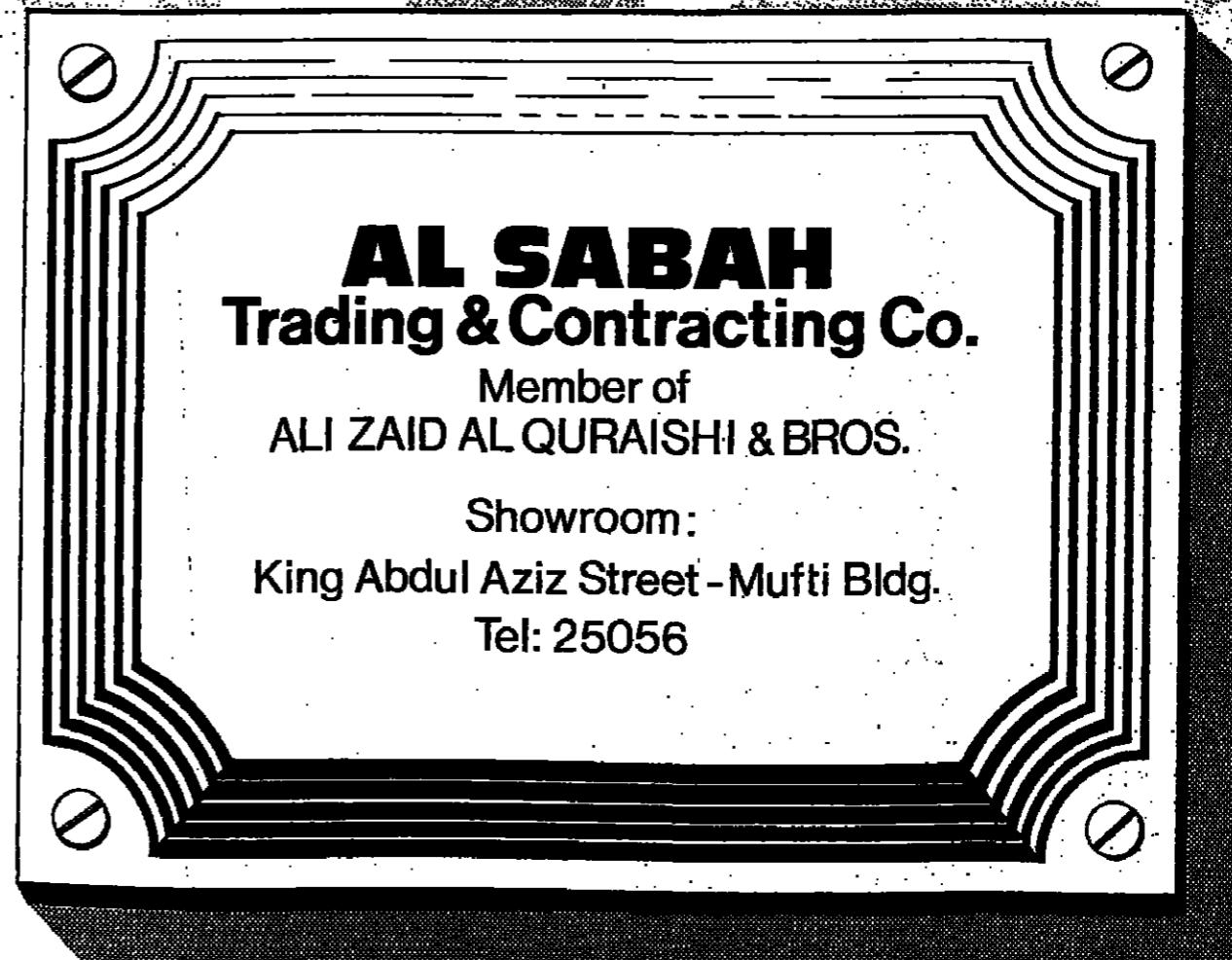
THE role of teachers in producing new generations of learned persons.

He lauded the state for its efforts to give everyone a chance to learn and catch up with progress. He dwelt at length on the huge projects carried out by the Ministry of Education for the purpose.

There are two intermediate teacher training schools in the area for primary education — in Mecca and Taif. A science and mathematics center in Taif trains teachers in rare subjects. All this is in addition to model industrial institute in Jeddah, Higher Institute for Financial and Commercial Sciences in Jeddah, the Secondary Commercial Schools in Jeddah and Taif, the Secondary Vocational Training School in Mecca, and intellectual education institutes for students of both sexes in Jeddah.



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## Saudi telephone streamlining service Billing procedures revamped

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 4 — Saudi Telephone announced that it is requesting all telephone subscribers who have post office boxes, to ensure that the telephone company is aware of their box number to aid in the distribution of quarterly invoices, a company spokesman said Friday.

Pending the development of a civic address system in the Kingdom, Saudi Telephone is pursuing other methods and procedures to ensure the maximum number of subscribers receive their telephone service invoices as promptly as possible, the spokesman added.

Printed on all invoices is the "maturity date" by which invoices must be paid off in order to avoid disconnection of service. The use of post office boxes will mean that subscribers will receive their invoices earlier and have more than adequate time to settle their accounts prior to the "maturity date."

Any Saudi Telephone subscriber, who has the use of a post office box, should inform the nearest Saudi Telephone office of the box number. This information should be passed on as soon as possible so arrangements may be made to use the boxes prior to the next quarter billing.

Saudi Telephone presently is operating a total of about 250,000 working telephone lines, according to statistics released recently. That's virtually double the total of two years ago when the telephone expansion program began, latest reports show.

The monthly rate for installation of working lines is approaching 10,000 — the total for new services in January totalled 9,305.

Saudi Telephone's program to engineer and place service wires from network to subscriber's villa walls continues rapidly.

A total of 202,082 buried service wires have been placed since the program began. Performance of repair services remained steady during March, the report indicated. 14.6 trouble per 100 working lines were reported and 76 per cent of the total was cleared with 24 hours; 99 per cent was cleared within seven days.

Performance of exchanges and trunk lines was reported as smooth and efficient. About 99 per cent of all calls to the network received "dial tone" within three seconds. In addition, 96 per cent of all calls were placed successfully by Saudi Telephone's facilities.

At the same time the various trunk operator services are responding to growth in usage of the telephone system. In Riyadh, 70 per cent of all calls to "92" were answered in

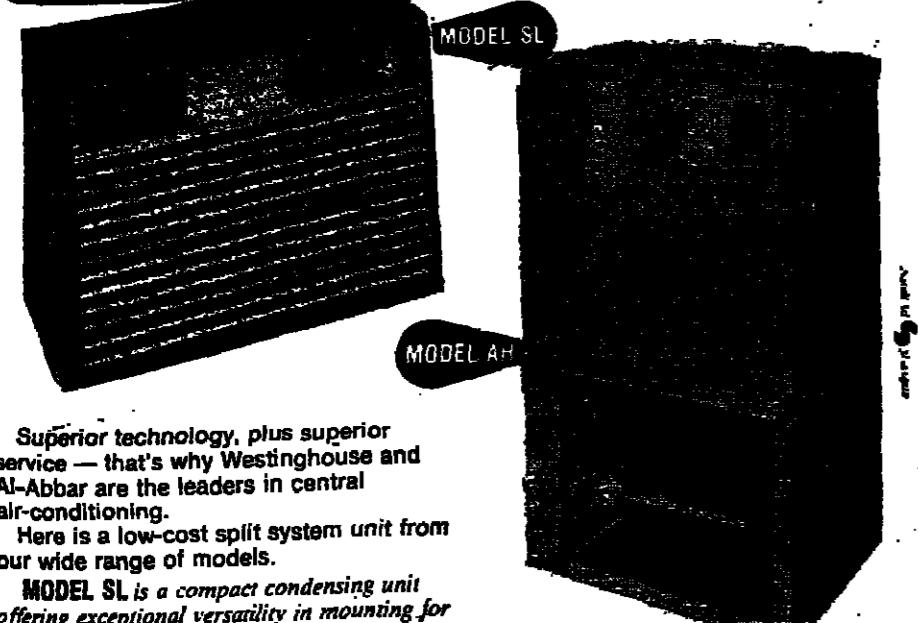
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CUP WINNERS: Medina's Obod club won the Gulf Basketball championship Thursday in Medina. The Saudi Arabian team defeated Kuwait's Qadisya 91-90. The cup was given to the winners by Prince Abdul Mohsen, governor of Medina, who attended the match.

## Petromin ensures one million tons Bangladesh gets more crude

JEDDAH, April 4 — Bangladesh recently secured a guaranteed crude entitlement from Petromin involving a million tons during 1980 an increase from the prior agreement under which the Kingdom assured Bangladesh of 600,000 tons, according to a report in *Saudi Business* magazine.

Bangladesh uses about 1.2 million tons a year, and a guarantee of Saudi crude at lower than prevailing market prices is significant to public and private sector planners.

There are various public and private means of aid that the Kingdom renders, and the most notable assistance is generally that given through the Saudi Fund for Development, a body capitalized at SR10 billion for project help in the underdeveloped world. During 1978/1979, the SFD made \$150 million available to Bangladesh, the report states.

Of that, \$50 million went toward the \$250 million Chittagong Fertilizer Factory. Raw material for the plant will come almost entirely from Bangladesh's Bakrabad gas

field. A further \$50 million went toward a railway improvement project, \$30 million to the Joypur-Hat limestone quarrying scheme and \$20 million to the Ranipukur hard-rock project.

The *Saudi Business* report said that assistance became as good as institutionalized in 1977, when Saudi Arabia gave Dacca \$60 million in a general balance of payments support and \$10 million for food purchases. In 1978, the Kingdom granted Bangladesh 200,000 tons of urea fertilizer from the output of the Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Company plant in Damman.

During 1978, a Bangladesh delegation secured a \$150 million, two-year grant to help buy food, spare parts, shipping SAFCO urea and to help the Bangladesh Industrial Bank's financing of industrial ventures.

## Printing trade loans reduced

## Board okays project funding

JEDDAH, April 4 — The Saudi Industrial Development Fund passed judgment on four projects ranging from printing to pharmaceuticals, the *Saudi Business* magazine reported.

The SIDF decided to stop lending to the printing and publishing industry for new plants or extensions in major business centers as a result of market saturation.

However, the report stated that the Fund's board will consider new projects in regions such as Yanbu or Jubail, where new demand will justify the action. SIDF has lent a total of SR105 million to eleven printing projects, the report states.

The board also agreed to finance three new industrial projects to manufacture kitchen appliances, pharmaceuticals and steel clad insulating panels, as well as a number of cold stores around the country under a special SR200 million cold store fund launched this year.

The board approved a SR34 million loan to a SR68 million pharmaceutical venture, which in early 1982, will begin producing three million 500 milliliter bottles of standard medical solutions a year. The Jeddah factory's output is planned to rise to five million bottles a year and to include up to 15 per cent

of more intricate special solutions after several years, the report said.

The venture is considered strategic because it will allow improved availability of vital supply and services to the Kingdom's hospitals, although it will receive no subsidy other than the standard interest-free industrial loan and five per cent protection tariff.

The factory, which has been under consideration for several years, will face the problems of maintaining the Ministry of Health's hygiene standards in Jeddah's dusty atmosphere and competition from imports. But with the production of special solutions, it is expected to be profitable.

A joint venture between the Abdullah Al Aqil's Nasr Industrial and Trading Establishment and Merlongo Progetti of Italy received loan approval from SIDF for a factory that will manufacture "Ariston" kitchen appliances in Jeddah.

The Saudi Business report said that a joint venture between Juffali Bros. Company and Calvinator is set to begin producing 30,000 refrigerators a year in Jeddah starting in 1981. But the Ariston Factory will manufacture gas cookers, washing machines and deep freezers as well as refrigerators. The SIDF board approved a SR24 million loan for the SR4 million factory. In its first year of production, the factory's owners hope to achieve an output of 37,000 units. In five years, the rate is expected to rise to 90,000 a year.

The board also approved a SR17 million loan for Abdul Rahman Al Howaisa's Hitco for a SR34 million factory to manufacture polyurethane insulated steel clad panels in Jeddah. Production, beginning by late autumn, will rise to 700,000 square meters a year at the standard thickness of 35 millimeters. The high insulating panels' thickness can be varied up to 150 millimeters, which will be required for cold stores.

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problems.

In London, meanwhile, the Organization of Islamic Conference announced that the annual Islamic foreign ministers conference due to be held in Islamabad April 16, might be postponed because of the conflict of scheduling with Zimbabwe's independence.

OIC Secretary General Habib Chatty told reporters that a proposal to put off the meeting was under consideration and that a final decision will be made within the next two or three days.

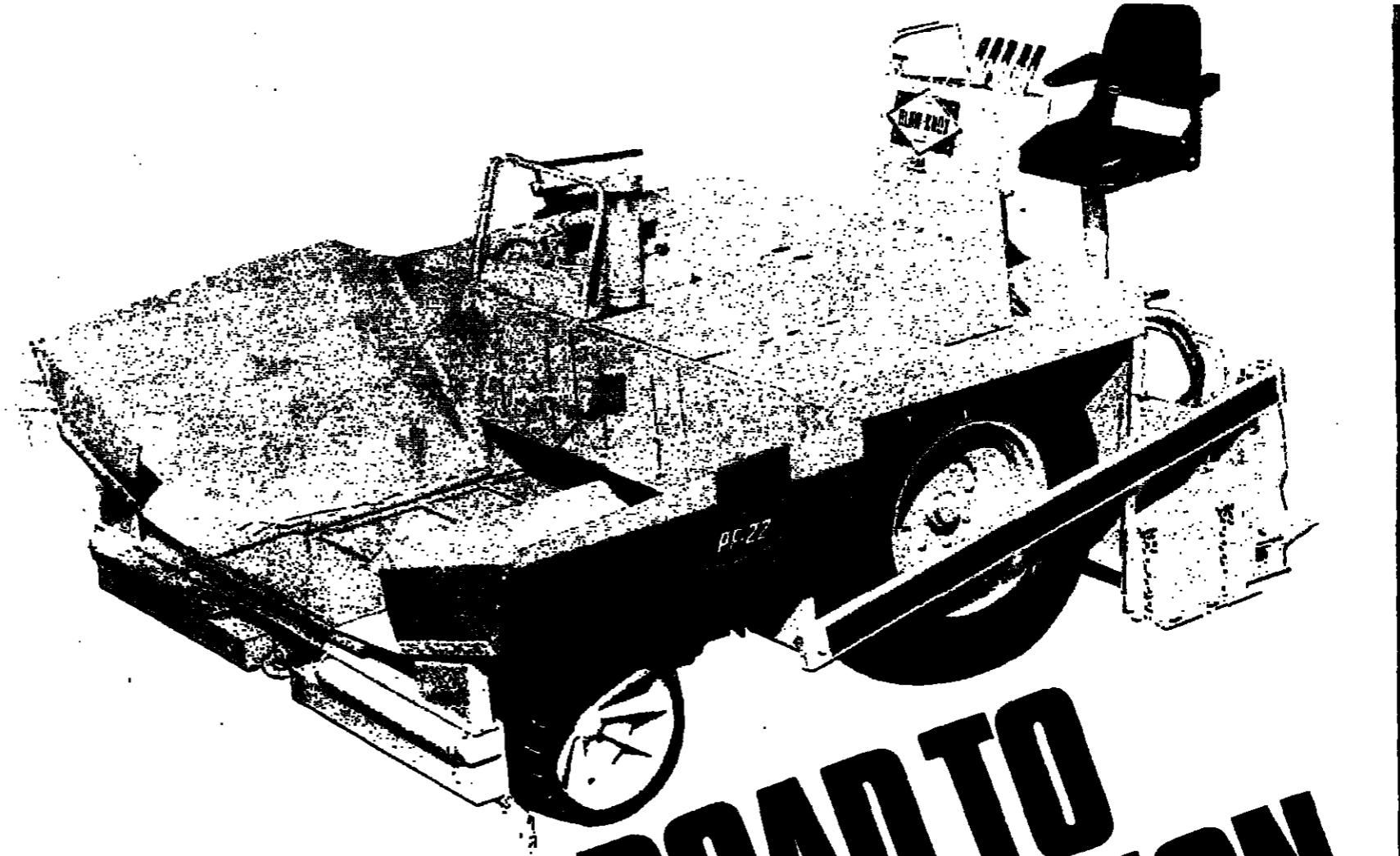
The postponement has been suggested because it assumed that most Islamic foreign ministers will accompany their heads of state to the independence day festivities which begin April 18.

### Japanese

condition to a lasting peace in the region.

It also noted that the Japanese government has stated on various occasions that Israel should pull out of the occupied Arab territories, including East Jerusalem and Israel's construction of settlements in the occupied Arab land is unjustified.

Resolution 242, adopted by the U.N. Security Council in 1967 but rejected by the PLO, calls for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the occupied Arab land, the maintenance of the Sovereignty and territory of all states and a fair settlement of the refugee problem. The resolutions and implementation of the provisions and principles of resolution 242.



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## Iraq vows revenge against Iran

BELUT, April 4 (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has vowed "thrice" to take revenge from Iran for a grenade attack on one of his closest confidants in Baghdad.

The Iraqi News Agency said he took the oath during a visit Wednesday to Baghdad's Mustansiria University where Deputy Premier Tarek Aziz escaped a bomb blast with superficial wounds Tuesday.

Several Iraqi students were wounded in the blast which Iraqi authorities blamed on a student from an Iranian origin identified as Samir Noor Ali.

"I swear thrice that the pure blood spilled here will not go to waste," Hussein said in a speech distributed by the official news agency Thursday.

Hussein's oath of vengeance was seen here as a clear indication of a further deterioration in relations between the two countries.

The use of the word thrice in the pledge reflects a finality in determination to hit back at what Baghdad authorities say was an Iranian campaign against Iraq.

Hussein made no mention of Iran by name. But he left no doubt that the Iranian regime was the target of his wrath.

"This treacherous attack was instigated by cowards trying to avenge Qadisiyah," he said in a reference to a 636 A.D. battle that a small Arab fought and won against Persia.

The Arab victory led to the downfall of the Persian empire and helped stretch the borders of the first Islamic empire to India, Afghanistan and China, according to Arab historic chronicles.

Hussein said Iraq's 13.5 million population would gladly take on their adversaries anew. Iran has about 34 million citizens.

Iraq has been campaigning for a joint



Saddam Hussein

administration with Iran of navigation rights in Shatt el-Arab, an estuary on the common border of the two countries.

The Iraqis gave up their Shatt el-Arab rights in an agreement they concluded with the Shah in 1973 under which the former emperor halted support of Iraq's autonomy-seeking Kurdish minority.

Now that the Iraqi regime has resolved its dispute with the Kurds, the Baghdad government is turning the tables and calling on Iran to meet the autonomy demands of its Kurdish and Arab minorities.

Iran's official news agency Pars said Wednesday that "Fedayeen Islam" had claimed responsibility for Tuesday's grenade attack in Baghdad.

The agency said an anonymous caller from the group confirmed the name of the assailant as Samir Noor Ali and said he was a Fedayeen Islam member.

The agency quoted the caller as denying the Iraqi claim that Ali was shot and killed at the spot by Iraqi security guards. The caller was quoted as saying Ali escaped after throwing the grenade.

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## Egypt's population hits 42 m

CAIRO, April 4 (AP) — Egypt's population became 42 million this month, an increase of 1.2 million over last year with a rate of a baby every 26 seconds, a statistics official has announced.

Gamal Askar, head of the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, said Thursday the Egyptian population is living on 55,000 square kilometers out of a total of one million square kilometers. "This means that populated areas are limited to 5.5 per cent of the total Egyptian territories," Askar told a press conference carried by the Middle East News Agency.

More than 43 per cent of Egypt's population are less than 15 years old, Askar said.

Egyptians live on cultivated areas along the River Nile Valley. The average Egyptian family consists of six children plus parents.

He said the population in Cairo rose to 8.7 million, an increase of 222,000 over last year.

Askar warned that if this high rate of population growth was not checked, Egyptians would number 66 million by the year 2,000.

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BEIRUT, April 4 (AP) — The Eritrean Liberation Front rejected Friday an offer of self-rule in the embattled Red Sea province made recently by the Soviet-backed Ethiopian regime of Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam.

"We settle for nothing short of self-determination and negotiations without prior conditions," said Ahmad Nasser, head of the

## Lebanon gets U.S. artillery guns

BEIRUT, April 4 (R) — U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean Thursday formally handed over 14 155-H artillery guns to the Lebanese army as part of Washington's military aid.

The guns were handed over at a cere-

## Karmal will send message to Arafat

BEIRUT, April 4 (AP) — Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Muhammad Dossel is expected to visit Beirut next week to deliver a message from Soviet-backed President Bab-

BEIRUT, April 4 (R) — Ten persons were killed and 12 others injured when a freak storm lashed part of northeast Syria, officials said Thursday.

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## Freak storm leaves 10 dead in Syria

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## U.S. launches campaign reinforcing boycott call

WASHINGTON, April 4 (R) — The United States government is launching a campaign to reinforce its call for a U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics in face of a determined counter-effort by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), according to administration officials.

## Home teams win playoffs

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — The home teams took advantage of their home-court advantage as the National Basketball Association playoffs got under way, and they did it largely with defense.

"We had to win this first one because it's the key in a short series," said forward Caldwell Jones, who had 18 points and 26 rebounds as the Philadelphia 76ers turned off Washington's power game and beat the Bullets 111-96 Wednesday night in the opener of their best-of-three mini-series.

"Tonight was the most important game," added Jones. "Hopefully we'll get one more important one Friday night."

All three other home teams also won Wednesday night and can wrap up their first-round series on Friday.

The best defense of the four opening games was played by the Houston Rockets, who held San Antonio, the league's highest scoring team, 34 points below its average and beat the Spurs 95-85.

San Antonio went 5:41 without a point and was outscored 24-11 in the quarter as Houston overcame a 51-42 halftime deficit.

In the Western Conference, the Phoenix Suns beat the Kansas City Kings 96-93 in what Suns coach John McCleod called "typical of every game we play against the Kings, a tough defensive battle all the way."

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## Purtzer's record score leads in Greater Greensboro Open

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 4 (AP) — Tom Purtzer figured he was a lucky man on at least three counts.

"I just feel fortunate I was able to play today," he said after firing a course-record, 8-under-par 64 for the first-round lead Thursday in the \$25,000 Greater Greensboro Open.

A small group of willful people are ignoring both the pledge of the U.S. Olympic Committee in February, American public opinion and the clear imperative that the Soviet Union should not score a second propaganda victory," a senior State Department official told Reuters.

"We are now going to make a collective all-out effort to remind the people of this country and the members of the USOC of the absolute immorality of doing business as usual with a country that is destroying another country," he said.

The launching of the administration campaign follows several setbacks abroad. These include decisions by the Norwegian, British and Canadian Olympic committees to attend the games and refusal by the West German government to take a decision until late May.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance telephoned West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher several days ago to ask for a more forthcoming attitude in support of the boycott, U.S. officials said.

The Bonn government has indicated it would oppose West German participation should Soviet troops still be in Afghanistan in May, and its final decision is expected to affect many West European and Third World nations.

Diplomatic sources doubted that the administration's effort would succeed. "I can see the American concern that the whole structure is rocky. But they can't push us to make an earlier decision," one West European diplomat said.

But U.S. officials said Genscher had accepted a U.S. request that West German diplomats explain the likely Bonn decision to boycott the games to African and Latin American nations that are expected to follow the West German lead.

The main United States effort over the next 10 days will be to convince U.S. public opinion to support the boycott, which President Carter announced on Jan. 20.

"If we stand firm, we'll get the others," the State Department official said. "The European attitude is totally dependent on us."

The new U.S. determination corresponds to a fear among top officials that public opinion may be starting to shift away from the previous overwhelming support for a boycott.

Both houses of Congress passed near-unanimous resolutions in favor of a boycott in January, and a USOC-commissioned poll found public support of more than two-to-one in early March.

something by" Purtzer said.

Purtzer clipped two shots off the listed record for the 6,984 yard Forest Oaks Country Club course with his no-boogy round and led by two over his former Arizona State teammate Bob Gilder, who tied the old record at 66.

Danny Edwards, a former Greensboro champion, and Craig Stadler, who won the Bob Hope Tournament that opened the 1980 season, were tied at 67 in the exceptionally low scoring.

The group at 68 included Al Geiberger, George Burns, Larry Nelson, Larry Ziegler, Pat McGowan, Ed Doughtery and Ron Streck.

In Rancho Mirage, California Sandra Palmer shot an opening 6-under-par 66 Thursday to take the first round lead in the \$325,000 Winners Circle Golf Tournament.

Looking for her first Ladies Professional Golf Association victory on more than two years, Palmer chipped six strokes off par on the 18 holes from nine on her way to a 30 then parred every hole on the back nine.

She held a 2-stroke lead over the 68s posted by fellow Americans Peggy Conley, Beth Solomon and Vicki Ferguson over the 6,242-yard, par 36-36-72 Mission Hills Country Club.

### Borg breezes in Monte Carlo

### McEnroe struggles to quarterfinals

MONTE CARLO, April 4 (AP) — Second-seeded John McEnroe of the United States had a hard time dropping a set without winning even a game, as he beat Italian Corrado Barazzutti to advance into the quarterfinals of the Monte Carlo Open Tennis Championship.

But McEnroe kept himself from being a surprise loser, as was American and third seed Jimmy Connors Wednesday to Frenchman Jean-Francois Caufolle, by regrouping his forces and going to the net to take the third set for the match 6-1, 0-6, 6-2.

Number one seed Bjorn Borg of Sweden had a tough first set but easily closed out Argentinian Jose Luis Clerc 7-5, 6-3 in a quarter final match.

Borg will meet American Vitas Gerulaitis, the number 4 seed, in the semi-finals. Gerulaitis easily rolled the eighth seed, Chilean Hans Gildeimester, 6-1, 6-4, with the American volleying well and often at the net.

Argentinian Guillermo Vilas also had no problems annihilating American Bill Scanlon 6-3, 6-1.

Vilas will play McEnroe in a quarter final match which should draw a large crowd, with Vilas the surprise favorite because of his excellent play so far on the slow surface at Monte Carlo.

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## Ugandan leads Kenya Safari rally

NAIROBI, April 4 (R) — Ugandan-born Shekhar Mehta's works team Dabau 160J led the field wading off the Mercedes challenge at the start of the grueling 5,510 kilometers (3,426 miles) Kenya Safari Motor Rally late Thursday night.

Mehta, a local driver who won the event for

the second time last year, had incurred a 22 point penalty as the cars checked through Kisumu control point of the shores of Lake Victoria.

Rally officials reported the route on the 1,889 kilometers (1,174 miles) first leg dusty, dry and very rough because of drought.

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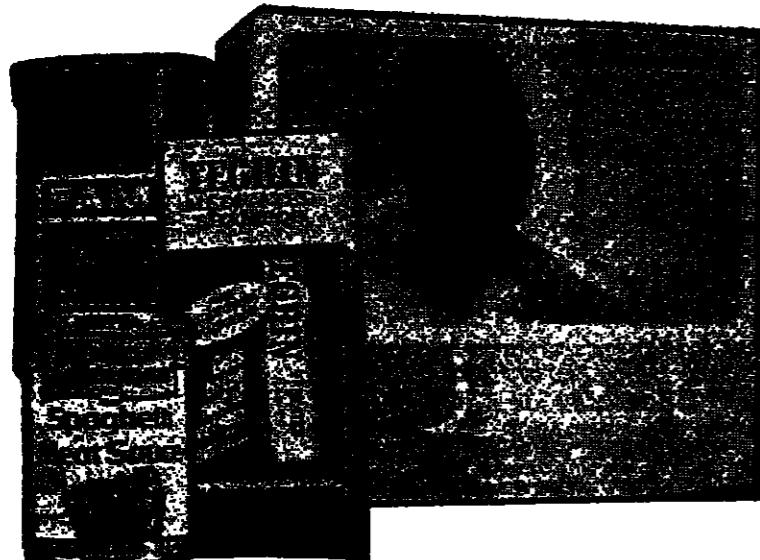






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ALTAMIRA Green Beans	12x800 G 4.00	48-	3.00	33	FAME Peanut Butter	12x28 oz 8.75	105-	6.50	70
ALTAMIRA Green Beans	24x400 G 2.00	48-	1.50	25	TEGRIN Medicated Shampoo	3.2 oz 11.75	11.75	10.00	-
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CHEF BOY'ARDEE BEEF RAVIOLI	24x7 1/2 2.50	60-	2.00	40	JOHNSON & JOHNSON DAYTIME	12x24's 17.00	204.00	14.00	-
FRANCO AMERICAN Spaghetti & Meat - Balls	24x15 oz 4.25	102-	3.00	70	PAMPERS Daytime	12x30's 21.00	252.00	15.00	-
FRANCO AMERICAN Spaghetti in Meat - Sauce	24x14 3/4 4.25	102-	3.00	70					



FAME Red Sour Pitted Cherries	24x303	7.50	150-	5.00	100
NESTLE Cookie Mix Sugar	12x15 oz	5.25	63-	4.00	45
NESTLE Cookie Mix Oatmeal - Raisin	12x15 oz	5.25	63-	4.00	45
KELLOGG'S Fruit Loops	24x11 oz	6.50	156-	5.00	-
KELLOGG'S Frosted Corn Flakes	24x15 oz	7.25	174-	6.00	-
KELLOGG'S Sugar Smacks	24x18 oz	7.50	180-	6.00	-
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## Near downtown Johannesburg Guerrillas attack police station

JOHANNESBURG, April 4 (AP) — Black nationalist guerrillas attacked a police station near downtown Johannesburg early Friday, hitting the building with automatic weapon fire, rockets and grenades, police said.

There were only two policemen in the station and no injuries were reported.

Several houses around the station, in the Boysens area, also were hit by the insurgents' fire in the latest in a series of attacks on police stations.

It was the first time the nationalists have attacked a station in a white urban area.

Police Brig. Johan Coetzee said, "We are just very glad nobody was injured."

Witnesses said the blacks sped away, tossing Marxist literature out, some of which demanded the release of black nationalist Walter Sisulu.

Sisulu was imprisoned 16 years ago with Nelson Mandela, leader of the banned African National Congress, which seeks the overthrow of this country's white minority government.

The ANC pledged intensified attacks following a siege at a Pretoria bank in January when three blacks took white hostages in an unsuccessful bid to force Mandela's release.

### Governor declares emergency

## Eruption in offing for Washington volcano

VANCOUVER, Washington, April 4 (AP) — Mount St. Helens spat more plumes of gas and volcanic ash into the sky Thursday and scientists said they were more convinced than ever that a lava eruption from the volcano is likely.

Dixy Lee Ray, governor of this northwestern U.S. state, placed the peak area under a state of emergency saying "the possibility of a major eruption or mudflow is real."

Scientists continued to speculate that an eruption of lava was likely, and observers said harmonic tremors shook the volcano again after nightfall. The unusual series of rhythmic earth tremors, taken as a foreunner of a major eruption, first occurred Wednesday night but had stopped during the day Thursday.

"We do know the magma (molten material) is moving" beneath the volcano, said geophysicist Bob Christiansen of the U.S. Geological Survey. "The harmonic tremor (recorded late Wednesday) makes it seem likely we will go to a magmatic eruption."

"We've always said that was a likely possibility. It seems even more likely now, although not necessarily today or tomorrow. It could be a week or a period of weeks or more."

An earthquake is an impulsive event as recorded on a seismograph but a harmonic

tremor is a rhythmic, continuous event, Christiansen said.

The newly active volcano belched a plume of steam and ash to an altitude of 4,800 meters Thursday afternoon in an eruption lasting 10 minutes, said Lynn Robertson, spokeswoman for the U.S. Forest Service.

A later eruption lasted 40 minutes with the plume reaching to 4,200 meters. There were reports of ash falling as far away as Tacoma, more than 96 kms to the north.

Four avalanches from about the 1,320-meter level of the mountain's north slope took some trees in their wake, said Don Mullen.

### Tito's condition continues grave

BELGRADE, April 4 (AP) — Doctors for President Josip Broz Tito said Friday his condition remained very grave and reported no further abatement in his pneumonia.

"High temperature persists." Tito's eight-doctor medical panel said in a brief mid-day bulletin. "Intensive care continues."

Doctors for the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader have blamed the high temperature, known to exist for more than one week, on an undescribed "septic condition" which was resisting medication.

Tito was also suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness, pneumonia and problems

two kilometers from downtown.

The attack started a fire in the upper story of the police station, and the building's canopy was heavily damaged. Police said they returned to their normal duties within two hours.

In the Pretoria incident, the blacks that died in the police shootout that reclaimed the bank were said to be members of the ANC. They were armed with Soviet-made AK-47 assault rifles, police said.

The South African government warned black militants afterwards that police would match violence with violence if they tried to repeat the bank raid. Prime Minister Pieter Botha said in a statement issued in Cape Town that "any form of terrorism or any act going against the laws of the country will have the state to contend with."

He was "deeply grieved that the vicious terrorists could succeed in spilling innocent blood," he said.

Maj. Gen. H.V. Verster, the head of counter-insurgency at police headquarters, said he viewed the incident "as a continuation of acts of terrorism experienced by all Western countries."



Bert Lance

## Lance count dismissed

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 4. (R) — A judge has dismissed a conspiracy charge against former U.S. Budget Director Bert Lance — the major count in a series of federal bank fraud charges for which he went on trial 12 weeks ago.

U.S. District Judge Charles Moye Thursday also dismissed the conspiracy indictment against three co-defendants.

Lance, a close friend of President Jimmy Carter and once a powerful figure in his administration, still faces, along with the three co-defendants, 32 remaining counts.

But the indictment alleging conspiracy to enter into a bank fraud was regarded as the main plank in the prosecution's case.

Lance, former head of two Georgia banks,

who served as Carter's director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in 1977, said: "I feel extremely good about the decision."

Now 48, Lance resigned in September 1977 after coming under fire for alleged personal financial malpractices.

Chief Prosecutor Edwin Tomko said the decision by Moye would not affect the rest of the government's charges against the four men.

On trial with Lance are Thomas Mitchell, his close friend and financial trustee; Richard Carr, Lance's former banking associate; and Jackson Mullins, another close friend of the ex-budget director.

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## Colombia leftists release 2 hostages

BOGOTA, April 4 (AP) — Guerrillas leased two more of the captives held inside the Dominican Republic embassy on Thursday, three hours before the 10th round of secret talks with the government opened.

The release left 25 hostages in the embassy. The guerrillas had been saying since May that non-diplomatic hostages would be released before Easter. There still are six non-diplomatic among the captives, according to the government.

The freed hostages, Colombian protocol officer Edgar Antonio Hernandez Rojas and Dominican citizen Mario Guzman Cabrales, left the embassy where they had been held 37 days. They were accompanied by Rabbi Avi Sharabi, a Spanish clergyman, who entered about an hour earlier. The hostages carried packets of clothing and were seen from the area in a Red Cross vehicle. Hernandez Rojas, one of two protocol officers held, Guzman Cabrales could not be further identified immediately. Both were in the embassy when M-19 guerrillas shot their way during a diplomatic reception Feb. 27. The rabbi, wearing a black robe and a large gold star of David, presumably went to the embassy to see Israeli Ambassador Eliyahu

## Belgian prime minister quits

BRUSSELS, April 4 (AFP) — Prime Minister Wilfried Martens has submitted his government's resignation to King Baudouin, following Thursday's rejection by the senate of Martens' plan to divide Belgium into three federated language regions.

A palace statement said that King Baudouin, who interrupted a Spanish holiday to fly home for the meeting with Martens, had not yet announced whether he would accept the resignation. In the meantime he had asked Martens to do everything he could to solve the crisis.

Observers however predicted that his chances of doing so were slim. They noted that if the king does accept Martens' resignation, it will be the sixth Belgian government in 10 years to be brought down, over the regionalization written into the 1970 constitution.

At the beginning of this year, King Baudouin appealed to Belgians to "support reform of the state."

The government's proposal to federalize

Belgium into three regions — Flemish-speaking Flanders, French-speaking Wallonia, and bilingual Brussels — was thrown out Thursday by the senate over an essential point of the plan, the status of Belgium's capital.

Financial circles meanwhile fear that a new government crisis would have a bad effect on efforts to shore up the Belgium franc, which has been under pressure for more than six months.

Belgium at present has an unemployment rate running at 7.9 per cent, the second highest, after Ireland, in Western Europe. The government has also been borrowing heavily from abroad because of a growing public debt expected to reach 230,000 million francs (about \$ 8,250 million this year against 212,000 million francs (about 7,615 million dollars) in 1979).

In addition, forecasts say that exports will fall this year, the gross national product shrink, and unemployment reach 10 per cent by 1981.

"A strike settlement is not imminent," said Walter Gellhorn, head of the mediation panel that Thursday brought the striking union together with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. "I'd say the parties' positions have hardened by reason of this stoppage."

Prime Minister Martens

## As authorities threaten strikers, New Yorkers hoof it

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — Bus and subway workers demanded amnesty and most officials served notice strikers will be paid double wages for the duration as thousands of New Yorkers trudged to work a fourth day — this time under the threat of bad weather.

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## Salvadorans propose national rescue plan

WASHINGTON, April 4 (AP) — Two Salvadorans have announced a plan for broadening El Salvador's government that they said may be the only alternative to civil war in that country.

They said the plan is to incorporate a coalition of 32 business and workers' organizations into the government and thereby "incorporate private enterprise into the

economic life of the country."

Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, former chief of Salvador's army intelligence, and Alfredo Mena Lagos, a former coffee grower, said the coalition calls itself the Frente Amplio Nacional, or broad national front.

"We believe the junta will accept it because it is the only way out for them politically," Mena said Wednesday.

"We feel 90 per cent of the army knows this is the last chance before civil war," he said.

D'Aubuisson said leftist guerrillas are trying to take control of El Salvador as part of a "long war." Communist strategy began in 1967 to take control of the Caribbean for its oil and the Panama Canal.

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## OPEC plans 67% aid package increase of \$4b

BRUSSELS, April 4 (AP) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is considering increasing its current aid package to the Third World by almost 67 per cent to \$ 4 billion.

Ibrahim Shihata, director general of the OPEC fund — an aid agency of the 13-nation organization — said Wednesday the proposed increase will be discussed at a meeting of OPEC officials in Vienna next month.

### Oil price rise expected

LONDON, April 4 (AFP) — Most oil producing countries could follow Iran and Nigeria in raising their prices, oil industry executives said.

Iran is adding \$ 2 or \$ 2.5 a barrel, depending on category, and Nigeria announced a 51 cent rise, they said, adding that Saudi Arabia may keep its rates unchanged, however.

Kuwait, Libya and Iraq in particular may well announce increases, while Mexico was reported preparing a \$ 2 rise, the executives said.

The current fund amounts to \$ 2.4 billion. It started out with \$ 800 million when the oil nations set up the fund in late 1976.

Shihata told the Associated Press the fund distributes "mostly interest-free loans" to Third World countries. To date, 75 nations have benefited from the OPEC aid, he added.

Shihata, an Egyptian national, appeared before the European Parliament's Development and Cooperation Committee which is holding a series of hearings on hunger in the world.

He said oil countries "are trying to help much more, proportionately, than the rich countries."

Shihata said OPEC's depleting oil reserves leave its members in "hardly a profitable position." Yet the members "have been providing concessional assistance to other developing countries at a much higher ratio to their gross national product than that of the assistance provided by the really developed countries," he said.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:40 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.22	7.24	7.19
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.00	173.50	170.40
Swiss F (100)	180.00	183.00	179.25
French F (100)	74.00	75.50	74.05
Italian Lira (10,000)	37.00	38.00	37.00
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.00	96.70
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.00
Egyptian Pound		4.48	4.41
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.18	12.03
Jordanian Dinar		10.95	10.76
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
Qatari Ryal (100)		91.00	91.00
Bahraini Dinar		8.92	8.92
Iranian Ryal (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Ryal (100)		73.75	73.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)		83.00	87.00
Indian Rupee (100)		—	40.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
Gold kg.	54,300.00	6,350.00	—
10 Tolar bar	—	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.30	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	107.00	188.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	156.00	—	157.50
Spanish Peso	50.00	49.00	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	81.00	—	45.00
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	1.45
Singapore	—	—	—

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## Wall Street Weekly : Bad news abounds

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — The first quarter of 1980 produced a bumper crop of bad news on Wall Street.

In the brief but tumultuous three-month period that concluded this past week, bond prices tumbled, the stock market took its sharpest drop in five years, and Wall Street was further shaken by a near-disaster in the silver market.

As the quarter drew to a close, the markets showed signs of steadyng. But there was little in the economic news to cheer about.

The bank prime lending rate climbed to a landmark high of 20 per cent. Inflation continued to rage, even as growing numbers of analysts were warning that a long-postponed recession now appeared at hand.

"The probabilities of a recession near term have risen dramatically," said Raymond F. Devoc Jr., an analyst at Bruns Wordeman, Rea and Co. "The same thing applies to a 'credit crunch' if we are not already in one. The chances have also shifted so that the recession will be a severe one, rather than the 'soft landing' the administration has been praying for. Our gut feeling — the recession will be sharp, fairly short in duration, and surprise everyone by how rapidly it becomes visible."

Despite all that gloom, the stock market managed to break a seven-week losing streak in the four-day period before the Good Friday-Easter holiday weekend. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 6.48 to 784.13 for the week.

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## Algeria suspends shipments to largest U.S. gas customer

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — Algeria has suspended shipments of liquefied natural gas to its largest U.S. customer, the country's official press agency said Thursday. Algeria continued to demand a drastic increase in gas prices.

However, David Mackie, vice president of the importer, El Paso Co. of Houston, said: "There hasn't been a suspension, and we

have not agreed to a suspension" of shipments. El Paso has been buying 700 million cubic feet (about 19.8 million cubic meters) of gas a day from Algeria.

The Algerian press agency did not elaborate on its announcement of the cutoff.

Algeria supplied 1.5 per cent of U.S. natural gas needs last year.

Spokesmen for the three companies that buy Algerian gas from El Paso said a cutoff would not immediately affect U.S. customers.

In Washington, U.S. Department of Energy spokesman Robert White said: "domestic gas supplies are sufficient to avoid any supply problems" resulting from a suspension of Algerian shipments.

Algeria's \$ 37.21 a barrel price for crude oil is among the world's highest prices, and the country has in recent months sought sharply higher prices for its gas.

El Paso had been paying \$ 1.95 per thousand cubic feet (22.3 cubic meters) of liquefied natural gas under an amended contract that expired Monday. The Algerian state-owned oil and gas company Sonatrach had said Wednesday it would extend El Paso's contract for 15 days while price talks continued.

Algeria recently has demanded \$ 6.11 per thousand cubic feet from European customers, but Mackie said in a telephone interview that Sonatrach has told El Paso it would settle for an interim price of \$ 3 until agreement is reached.

## Most U.S. banks adopt 20 per cent prime interest rate

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP) — Banks across the United States Thursday adopted the 20 per cent prime rate it first posted a day earlier, and some economists said business borrowing may soon

reflect the record interest.

Citibank, the nation's second-largest and No. 3 Chase Manhattan bank in the record rate set Wednesday by Chemical Bank, and virtually all other banks joined the move to 20 per cent.

"It's a reflection of the cost of money. That's the simple fact of the matter," a spokesman said.

The rate, which the banks' most worthy corporate customers pay on loans, was 19 per cent only last Friday.

The prime, which stood at 15 1/4 per cent in mid-February, has been climbing since the Federal Reserve Board's new credit controls on March 14.

The board seeking to hold down growth of lending this year as a means of curbing inflation.

Some banks feel a slowdown in may be difficult to achieve because corporations have standby credit agreements assuring they will be able to borrow as needed. It is hoped high interest rates will persuade some of those customers not to borrow.

Although many bankers say loan demand remains strong, some economists believe a slowdown is about to surface.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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Ministry of Agriculture & Water	Deepening of ministry's well in Bani Amer, Bajirah, and other two in Sr'ara, Tibana Zahran	55/1	200	April 8
Ministry of P.T.T.	Construction of modern buildings for P.T.T. in Beta, Jubail and Shaqraa	15-99/400	2000	April 15
Directorate of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Illumination of entry to Al-Ola town	22	200	April 21
" "	Fencing of graveyards in Al-Khurais	23	300	April 23
" "	Asphalting, paving and lighting of streets in Al-Ola	24	400	April 26
Municipality of Mecca	Operation and maintenance of lights in Mecca, Bahra, Shumaisi and the roads leading to the pilgrimage sites, as well as operation of two tunnels in Al-Ma'abda	23	500	April 30

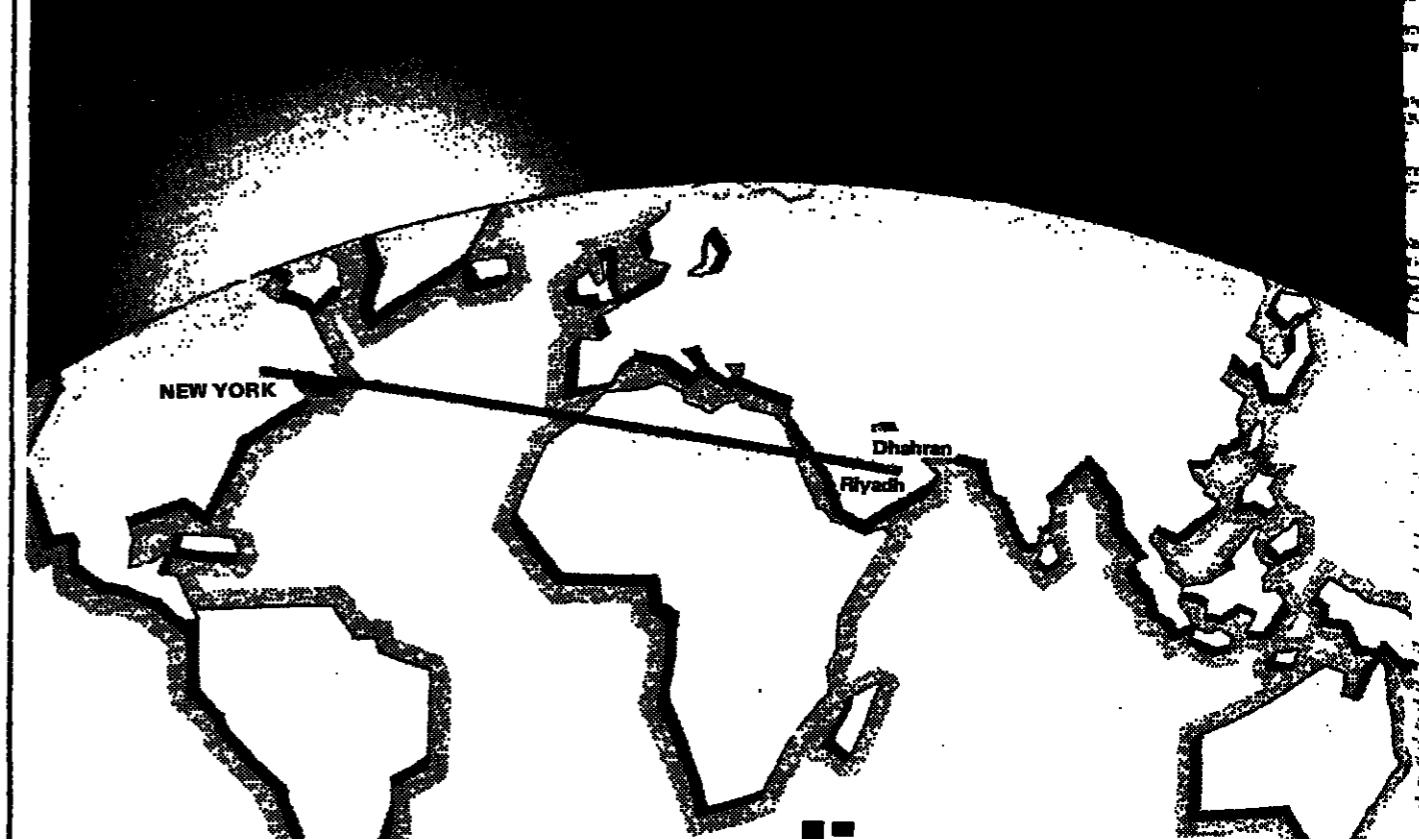
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## You are what you eat

By Rose Dost  
The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The release of the revised edition of the Recommended Dietary Allowances, a guide to eating should help those who are concerned about health.

The guide call for some major additions and changes that emphasize the importance of trace minerals and the need for more Vitamin C in the diet. The new RDAs also include allowances for Vitamin D to cover adults and recognizes the reduction in energy needs as adults grow older by providing a chart of energy requirements according to body weight and height.

The RDAs, originally established by the National Academy of Sciences, Food and Nutrition Board as a guide to planning and procuring food for the armed forces during World War II, is now used by dieticians in planning and evaluating diets for normal and therapeutic needs.

Because RDAs are difficult to translate into food, the Department of Agriculture has provided a "Daily Food Guide," reflecting the general nutritional requirements of the RDA. By following the Basic Four Food Group formula of the Daily Food Guide (four servings fruit and vegetables, two or three of milk products, two servings from the meat group and four from the bread and cereal group) one is assured of meeting to cover the new RDAs also.

The RDAs are intended to provide for the nutritional needs of healthy individuals. They are sufficiently high levels to cover requirements for health by most, even though needs vary from individual to individual.

Inclusion of trace minerals in the new RDAs indicates a need for emphasizing certain mineral-rich foods. According to Dr. Genevieve Ho, a nutritionist in Los Angeles, a diet that includes whole grains and cereals, dark green vegetables, fruits and eggs, will provide rich sources of trace minerals.

"Don't overlook the value of eggs as a source of important vitamins and minerals," she said. "Eggs have a lot to offer in a small, inexpensive package." Yolks contain iron, sulphur, aluminium and phosphate among other minerals.

Here are some of the key changes in the Ninth Edition of the Recommended Dietary Allowances.

**Enter blind horse led by a boy...**

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH — Equus by Peter Shaffer, will be presented by S.E.T. at the British Embassy Open Stage on April 7, 8, 9 and 10. Curtain is at 8 p.m. sharp.

The play is directed by David Frontin; the Assistant Director is Ross Harris.

Equus was first presented by the National Theatre of Great Britain in July of 1973. Since then it has proved a powerful and moving piece, produced in many countries.

The setting is Rokesby Psychiatric Hospital in Southern England. The time is the present.

The story revolves around a 17-year-old emotionally disturbed boy, who blinds 6 horses one night in a stable. This part, Alan, is

Water Soluble Vitamins — The major change in this group was the increase in the allowance of Vitamin C in adults from 45 mg to 60 mg daily with corresponding increments for other age groups. (A serving of orange juice or a whole orange will fill the requirement for Vitamin C for most people.) According to Nutrition and the M.D., a newsletter for physicians and nutritionists, the increase was prompted by evidence showing the rate of utilization of Vitamin C in the body and the amount needed to maintain a ready supply.

There also were minor increases in the allowance for B vitamins (thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, B6 and folacin).

Fat Soluble Vitamins — The new RDA added an allowance for Vitamin D for adults to focus on its important role in helping to minimize calcium loss in bones as one ages. The new Vitamin D recommendation calls for 5 mcg (2000 international units) for adults. Vitamin D, linked with calcium in preventing osteoporosis, is found in milk and other dairy products and in fish oils.

The RDA for Vitamin E now appears in milligram measures instead of international units. According to Dr. Roslyn Alfín-Slater, professor of nutrition at the University of California, Los Angeles, and member of the RDA board, there is no evidence that large doses of Vitamin E are beneficial.

New Vitamin Additions — There were three new additions to the RDA for vitamins: Vitamin K, named for "Coagulation" and considered essential for normal blood coagulation; biotin, a water soluble B complex Vitamin widely available in foods such as milk, organ meats and egg yolk; and pantothenic acid, which is found in all types of foods. Deficiencies of pantothenic acid have never been clinically recognized in animals, although marginal deficiencies may exist in severely undernourished individuals, according to the newsletter.

Minerals — The new RDAs call for changes in and additions of some minerals. The revised edition emphasizes the importance of iron intake for women during their reproductive years, adolescence, pregnancy and lactation. Because iron needs cannot be met by the normal diet for these groups, a 30 to 60 mg supplementation of iron is advisable for pregnant women and should be continued for two months after parturition to assure replenishment of iron stores.

There was an addition of allowances for six trace minerals previously not listed in the RDAs: copper, manganese, fluoride, chromium, selenium and molybdenum. The RDAs caution against exceeding the upper levels of trace elements since most are toxic at high concentrations.

Protein — Although the RDA for protein has not changed, older people may require more protein due to wear and tear on tissue and overall loss of protein during periods of disease. Sedentary individuals, too, do not utilize dietary protein as much as do active individuals, thus potentially creating a need for added protein in the diet for these sedentary groups, according to Alfín-Slater.

Electrolytes — Among changes and additions in electrolytes, the RDA for sodium is now 3 grams of "elemental sodium," or about 7.5 grams of sodium chloride.

Most Americans consume from 6 to 18 grams daily of sodium chloride. Excessive sodium intake has been linked to hypertension and lowering intake of sodium helps reduce blood pressure of hypertensive individuals. The amount recommended in the new RDAs all but eliminates use of table salt at the table or in cooking. Alfín-Slater thinks, however, that those who depend on iodized salt for iodine intake should not eliminate its use without consulting a physician.

Potassium, as with sodium, permits a wide range of intakes. The RDA calls for 1,875 mg to 5,625 mg (Americans generally consume 2 to 6 grams potassium). Use of diuretics may increase daily potassium requirements. Potassium is found in many fruits and vegetables.

Calorie Requirements — Recognizing the reduction in calorie needs of adults as they grow older, the RDAs are based on a table of mean heights and weights and recommended energy intake. Age also is a factor in this area in particular.

The energy allowances for young adults are for men and women doing light work.



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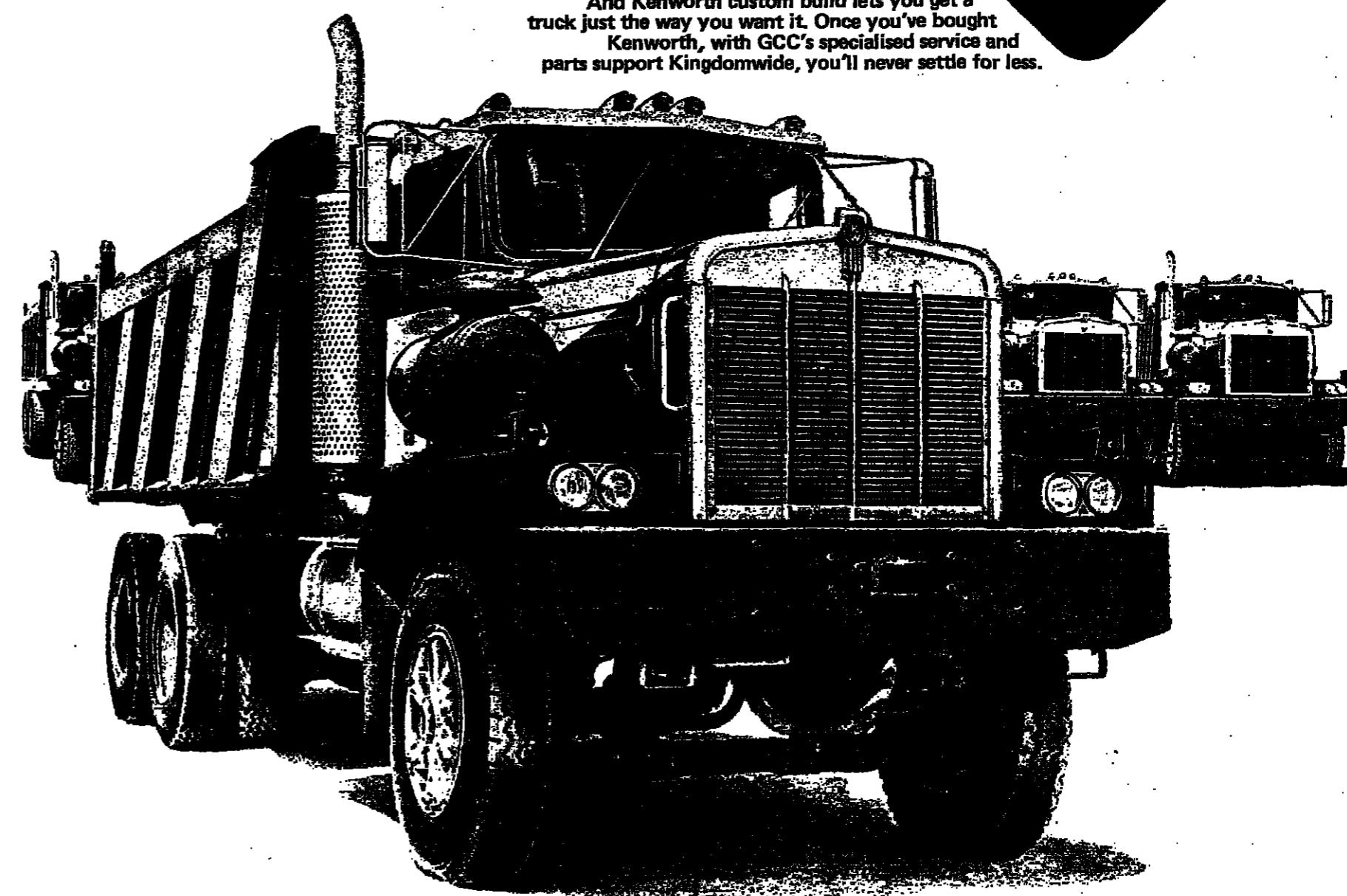
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Just in time

Vienna, a crumbling city

By Robert Kirsch  
*The Los Angeles Times*

LOS ANGELES — It is hard to grapple with an existing social order, but harder still to have to posit one that does not exist: Hugo von Hofmannsthal, "Buch der Freunde."

True modernism — the modernism of the 20th Century, not "out of the past" or even "against the past" but "in independence of

*Fin-de-siècle Vienna: Politics and Culture*  
By Carl E. Schorske  
Knopf, \$ 15.95

"the past" — is seen in this remarkable work as emerging in turn-of-the-century Vienna, as the city where style and ambience seemed the essence of the 19th Century. Not a facade, exactly, but the womb wherein the new European culture, art, intellect, politics were

formed. Vienna, Prof. Schorske says, "with its acutely felt tremors of social and political disintegration, proved one of the most fertile breeding grounds of our century's ahistorical culture."

We see the shift in these essays from social realism to introspection, from rational man to psychological man to mass man, an embattled bourgeois liberalism crushed between the aristocracy and the masses before it had any chance at real power. Austria does become in these pages, as the poet Friedrich Hebbel wrote, "the little world in which the big one holds its tryouts." Rebellion against the paternal, in the Freudian Oedipal sense, is a theme. Yet that rebellion took many forms and led to many different results.

The case studies (brilliantly written, in contrast to the pompous and wordy introduction, which is best read last) include all the better-known intellectual innovators: Freud, Gustav Klimt, Oscar Kokoschka and Arnold Schoenberg. There are others less readily

recognized as protomoderns: Arthur Schnitzler, the physician-playwright; Hugo von Hofmannsthal, lyric poet and dramatist; Camillo Sitte and Otto Wagner, city planners, architects, *rival theoreticians*; Karl Lueger and Georg von Schonerer, who launched anti-Semitic programs and mass movements, forerunners of Fascist politics; Theodor Herzl, leader of modern Zionism; and the novelist Adalbert Stifter.

The image of a garden in transformation to a wilderness is drawn in two final essays. From the settled or at least apparent unities, the world seemed to go into what Schoenberg described (in the title of the second movement of his unfinished symphony, "Death Dance of Principles") thusly: "The darkness yields — But the sun is without strength," a fragmentation of beliefs and traditions, of faith and old values that Schorske sees as following Nietzsche.

(The book originated in an attempt to design a course in modern European history; Vienna, studied in interdisciplinary ways,

became a pattern of recognizable forces in the development of modernism.)

Vienna at the turn of the century was only part of emerging modernism but the particular circumstances of its bourgeois liberalism — culture centered on rational man, whose scientific domination of nature and whose moral control of himself were expected to create the good society — became a model of the 20th-Century centrifuge of experience. Austrian liberals never really held power, never and more than a social base among the middle-class Germans and the Jews. They came into government "almost by default," under the aegis of that austere father figure, Franz Josef, and in alliance with some aristocrats. Peasants, urban workers, artisans, smallholders and Slavic nationalist groups rose to challenge them. With some popular and demagogic leaders such as Karl Lueger (who became mayor of Vienna, although the emperor himself had tried to prevent him taking office but could not prevail against a second popular vote), the new nationalistic

embraced by concepts anymore. Hofmannsthal sought a means to channel rather than repress the irrational force of feeling, sought forms and rituals. Hitler, despite his anomie and provincialism, was very much the essence of a Lueger believer. His virulent anti-Semitism was rooted there.

The Ringstrasse, built on the site of the razed fortress walls of Vienna, became the symbol of Austrian liberalism as well as an object of attack, a term with pejorative overtones like "Victorianism" in England. Schorske's essay on the Ringstrasse and the birth of modern urbanism is one of the best in the book, ranging from politics to public art and artisanship, views of craft and history, the relationships of myth and music to architecture and folk art, the work of Sitte trying to meld the past and present, of Otto Wagner turning to the future of suburbs and trains, trying to roll back history to face a future of modern technology and utility. In such essays are the enhancements of this work, the equal shocks of surprise and recognition. The issues are exactly those of architecture and public planning today.

Schorske is at his best when dealing with figures who symbolize the issues and paths, he sketches a convincing Herzl, child of his turbulent times, a dreamer who went as easily from the epic vision of leading his fellow Jews to mass conversion at St. Stephen's Cathedral to becoming a blend of messiah and king of the Jews, leading masses back to the homeland. His lessons began with the Dreyfus scandal in Paris but his decision for Zion came with the rise of an anti-Semitism that threatened the very place of Jews in Austrian society. It must be pointed out, however, that the account here is a personal one; there was a separate development of Zionism before Herzl and after him. He became a legend, and knew it. In London, listening from a podium to ghetto Jews, he wrote:

"I saw and listened as my legend grew. The people are sentimental; the masses do not see clearly. A light haze is beginning to well up around me which will perhaps be the cloud on which I shall go forward. It is perhaps the most interesting thing that I record in these diaries ... I stoutly resolved to be even more worthy of their trust and love."

Zionism, however, was always more than Herzl. It represented a cross section of political thought from right to left, from *orthodox* to secular, allowed and tolerated these differences, was never authoritarian. It is a mistake to extrapolate from Herzl's actions to the entire movement or to fall into the notion that there is something akin to the fanatic authoritarianism of other nationalisms.

The essay on Klimt is another excellent one, extravagantly illustrated in color and black and white. Indeed, the book itself is a masterpiece of design, from gold art nouveau dust jacket to print and format. The essay on Freud, perhaps because of that worthy's overexposure, is a bit tired and Oedipal though reasonably fresh in its view of Freud's liberal conflicts, his compulsion to the antiquity of Rome and its salvation, his weaving of an ahistorical theory of man and society that could explain if not improve a "Political world spun out of orbit and control."

Beyond Klimt, the psychologic explorer of inner drives and remote pasts, of dreams and fantasies in art, are other transformations, and such a painter as Kokoschka explicitly saw in his abstract canvases a feeling of alienation. Vienna, in any case, was no longer in the explosion of the old order; the war had changed all that. Schoenberg, who did in music what others had done in the visual arts, wrote eloquently:

"A terrible amount of order is in the whole. And just as much disorder. That is, if one asks for sense. All is simultaneously order and disorder." In musical terms that echo cosmic questions, he concludes: "One tone? Or is there no tone? Or are there many tones? Is it infinity or nothing? Multiplicity was easier to grasp before than unity is now. It is overwhelming."

The wildness could be contained, not as a

The nature of our epoch is multiplicity and indeterminacy. It can only rest on 'das Gleitende': the moving, the slipping, the sliding.

garden overrun perhaps but as analogue and metaphor for pluralism and psychological man. There are questions here but there is light enough for new answers. Most of all there is illumination of the path that, through Vienna and other places, brought us where we are now.

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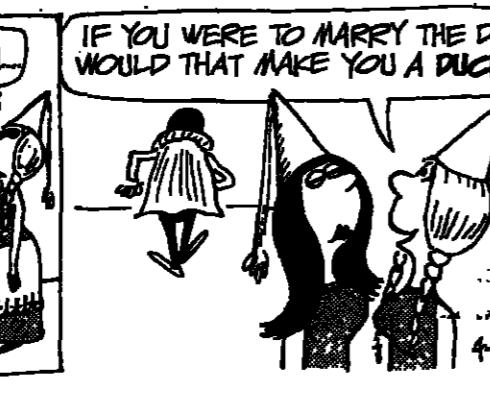
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## Contract Bridge : B. Jay Becker

## Test Your Play

You are West, defending against Four Hearts. South having bid one heart, North two hearts and South four hearts. When you lead the eight of diamonds, your partner wins it with the ace, South playing the six, and returns the three, South playing the king — which you ruff. What would you play now?

♦Q 5  
♦K J 8  
0 7 5 4 2  
♦Q J 7 3

♦A K 8 4  
♦A Q 10 5 3  
♦K Q 6  
♦8

♦10 9 7 3  
♦9 4 2  
♦8  
♦K 10 9 6 2

If you have faith in partner, return a low club. It must be right to assume that East read your diamond lead as a singleton and expected you to ruff the diamond return at trick two.

East's return of the three in these circumstances, rather than any old diamond, has a special significance. It indicates that he wants a club return rather than a spade return at trick three. This is entirely consistent with the suit-direction convention by which a player can designate to which suit he wants partner to

play after partner ruffs. A low-card return requests that the lower-ranking side suit be played next; a high-card return requests that the higher-ranking suit be played next.

So, as between spades and clubs, you should play a club at trick three. Declarer's hand probably looks something like this:

♦Q 5  
♦K J 8  
0 7 5 4 2  
♦Q J 7 3

♦A K 8 4  
♦A Q 10 5 3  
♦K Q 6  
♦8

and in that case South goes down one when you return a club, but makes the contract if you return a spade.

Let's grant that leading a club away from the king at trick three — with dummy holding the Q-J-9 — looks very unappetizing. But, assuming that East is familiar with the ruffing convention and does not play his cards helter-skelter, it is clearly the right play.

If it turns out that your partner has the spade ace and not the club ace, and declarer makes the contract as a result, you can always show your partner this column to teach him the error of his ways.

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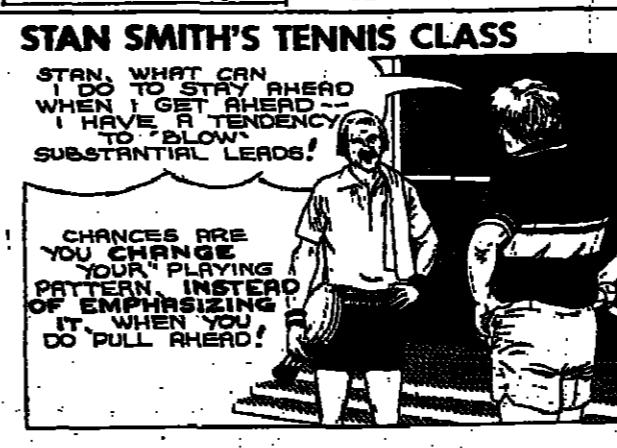
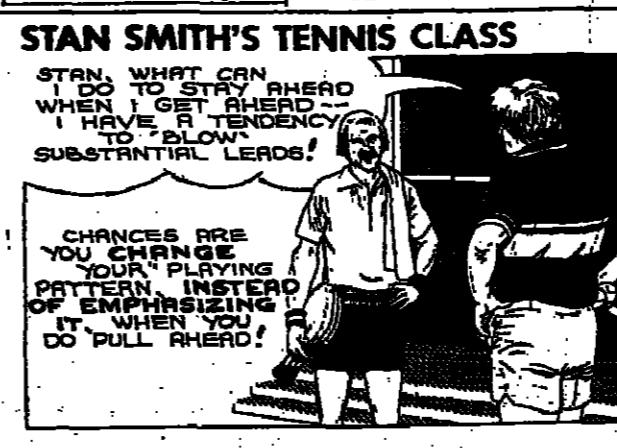
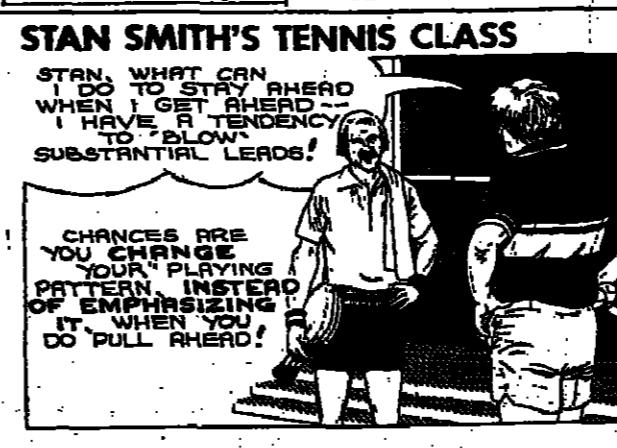
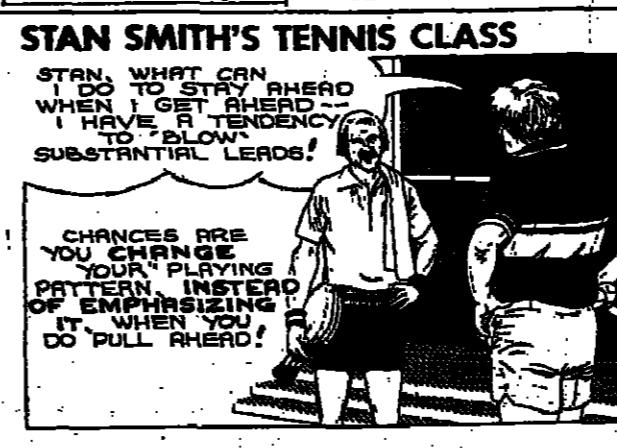
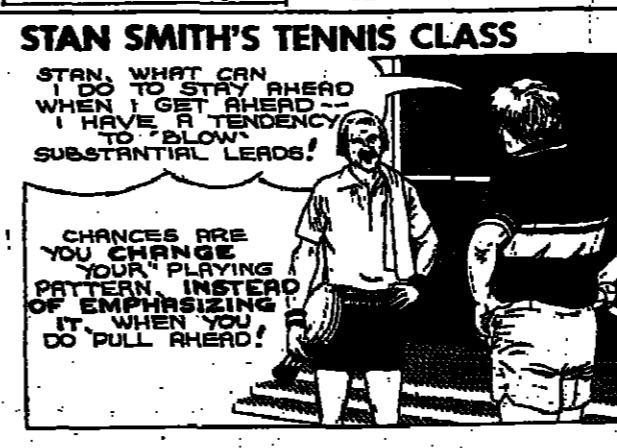
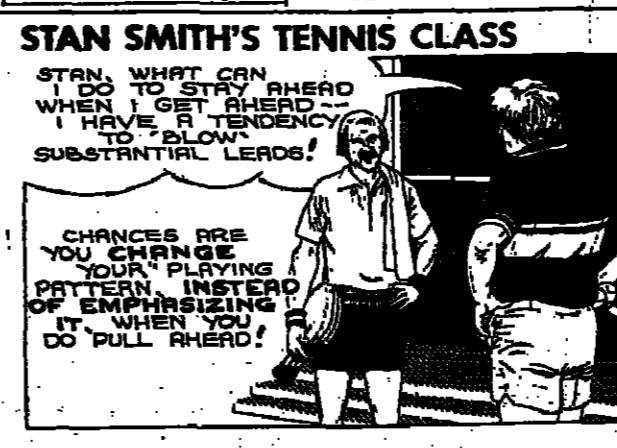
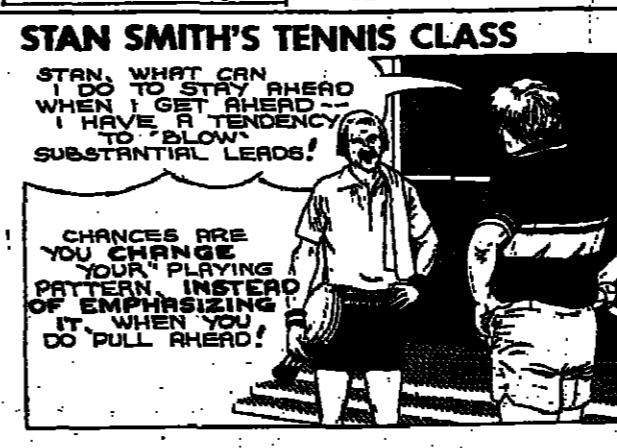
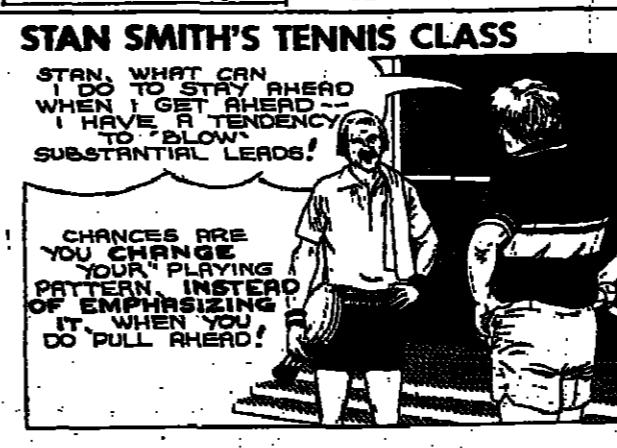
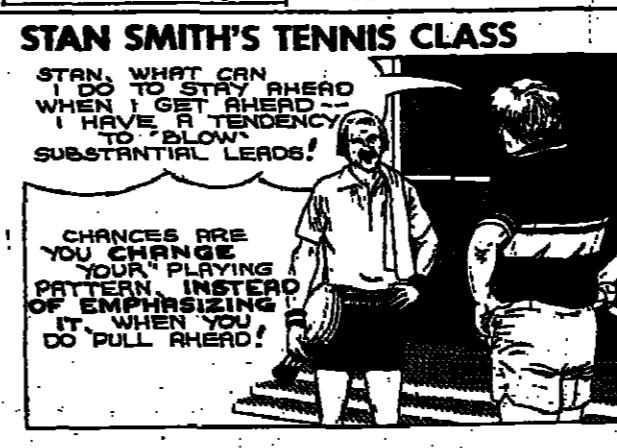
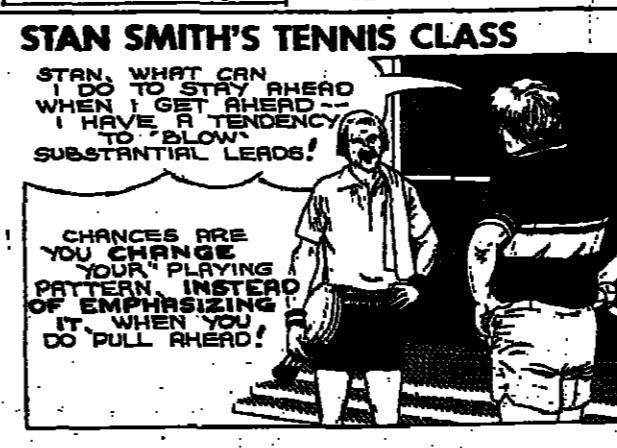
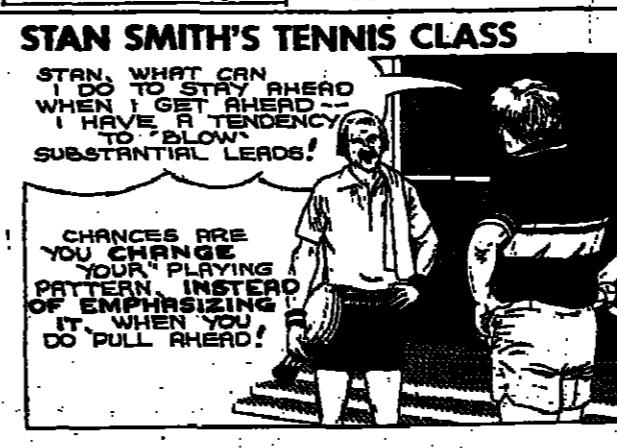
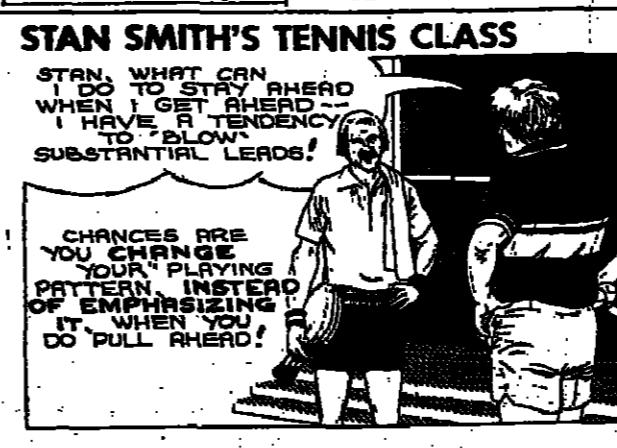
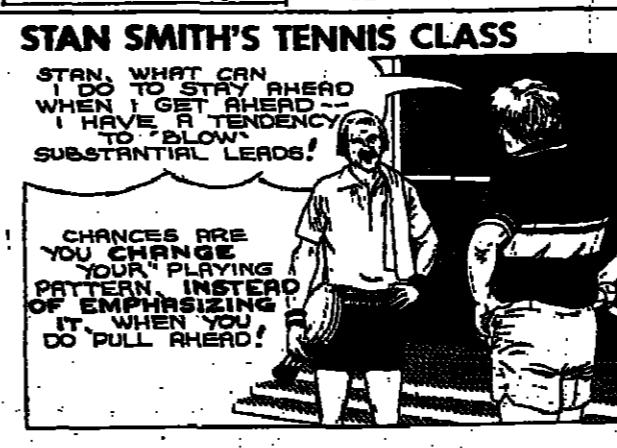
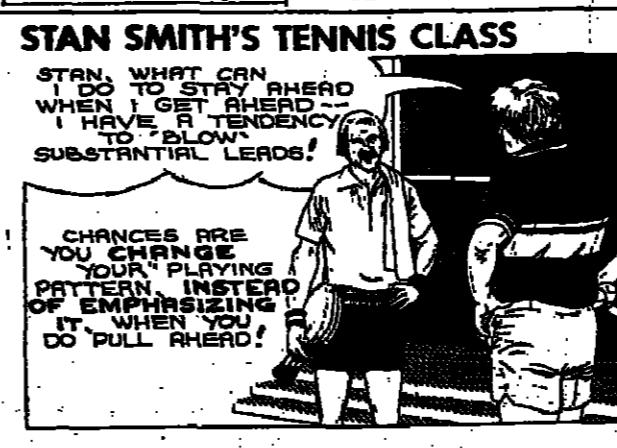
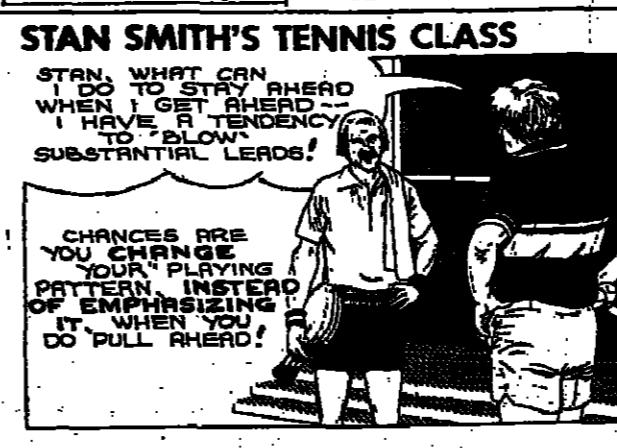
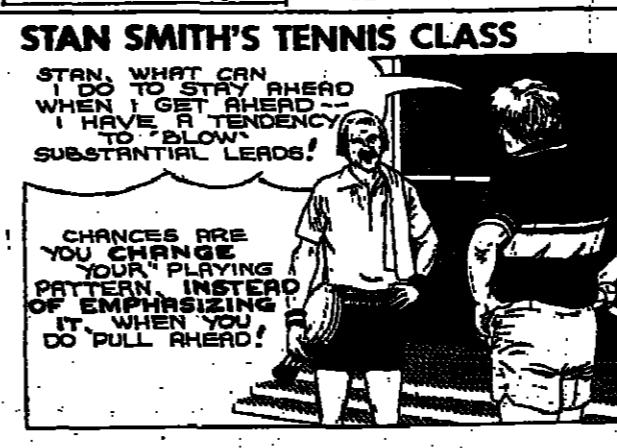
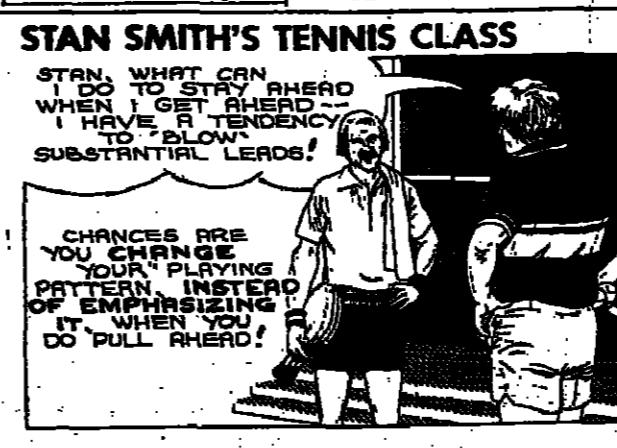
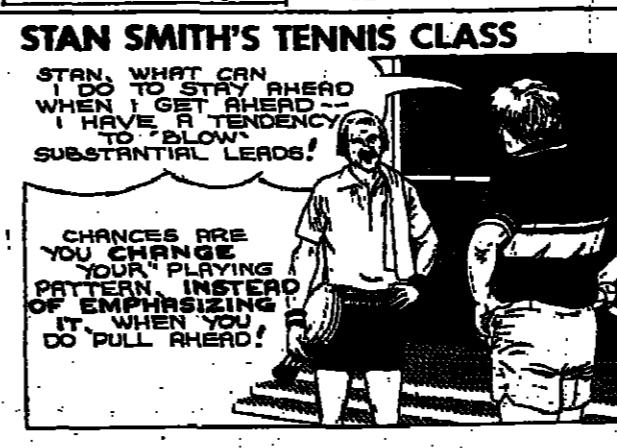
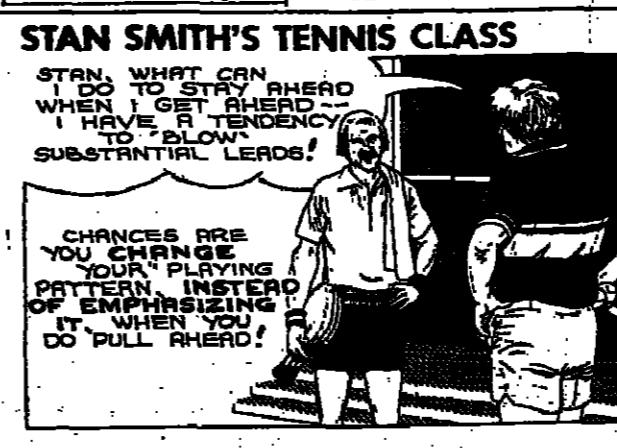
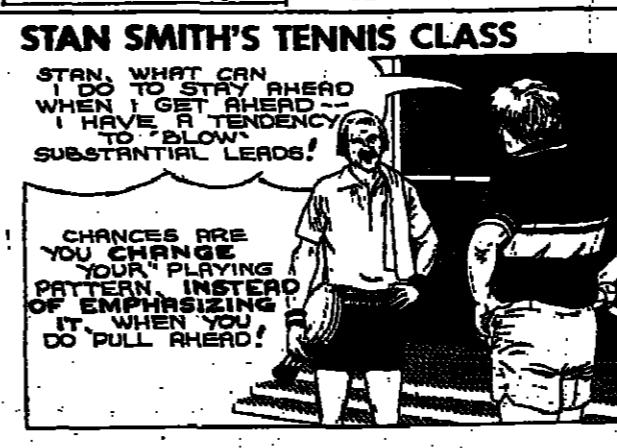
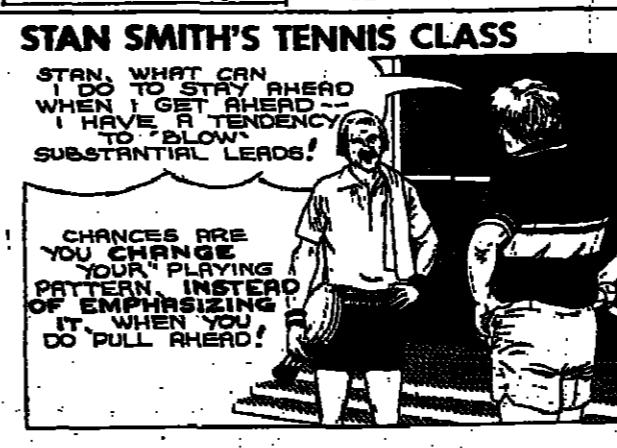
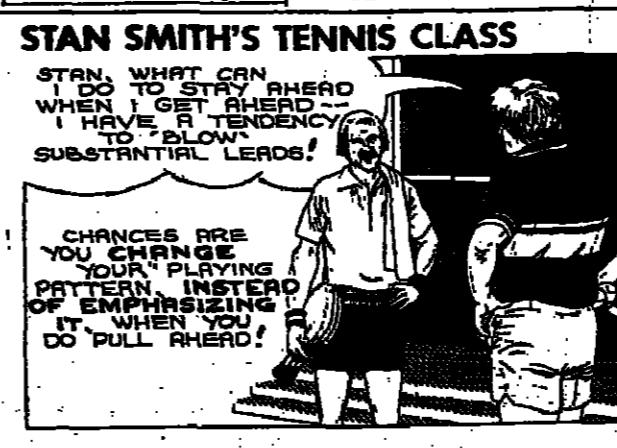
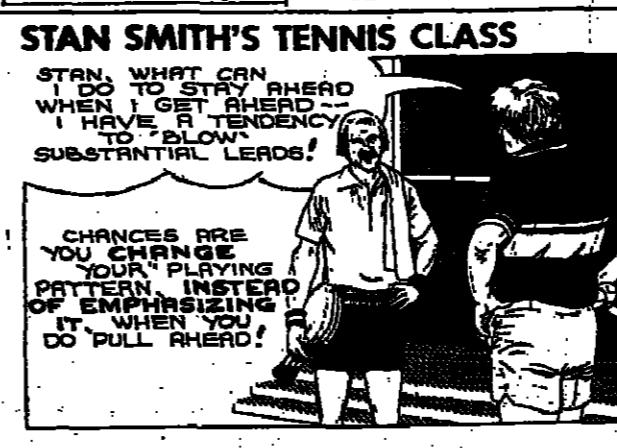
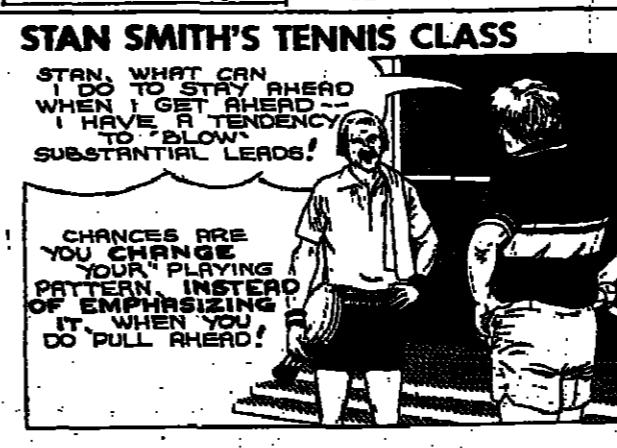
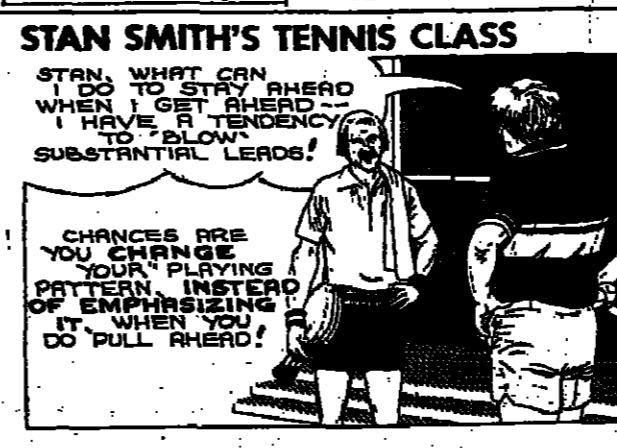
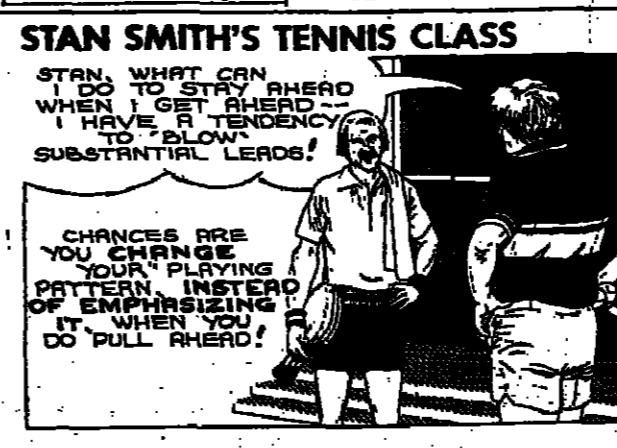
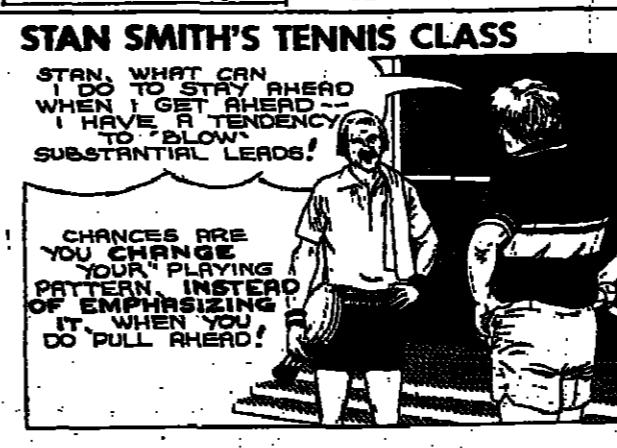
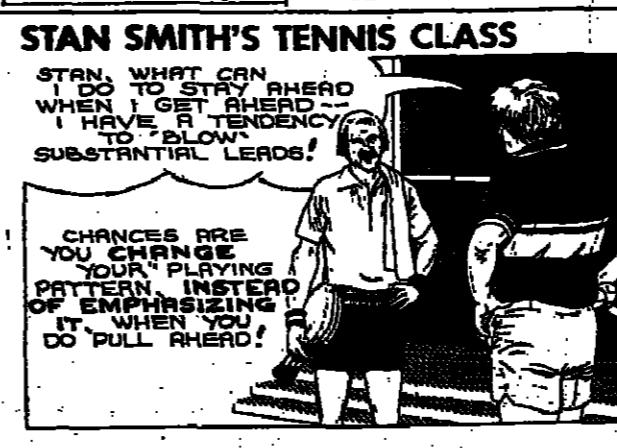
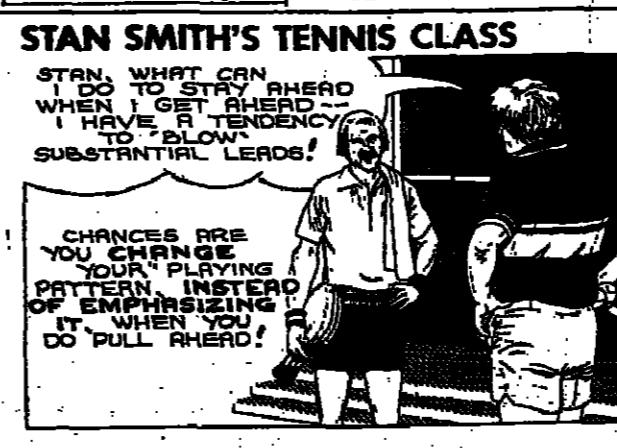
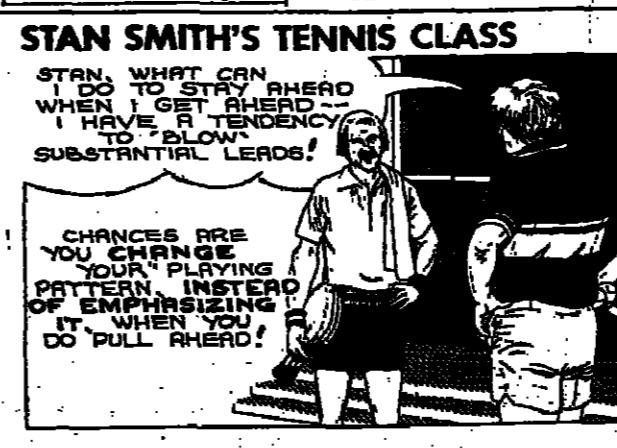
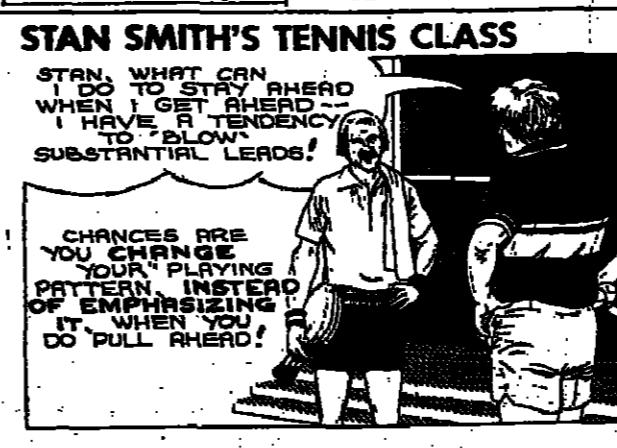
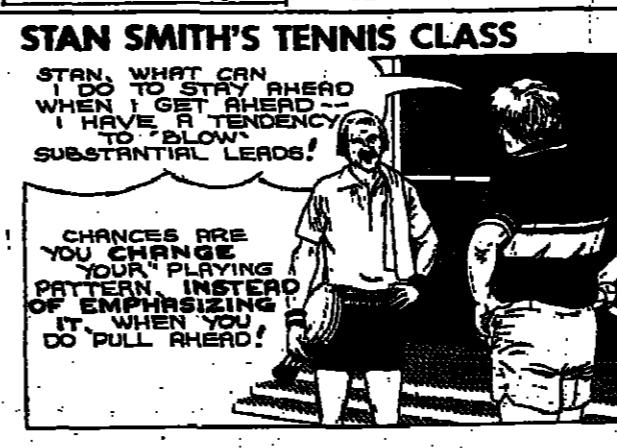
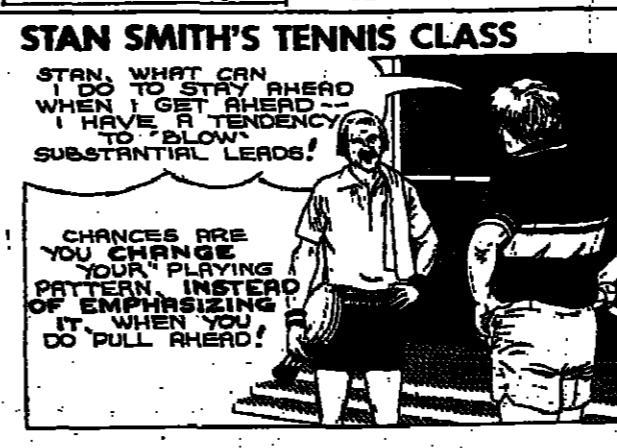
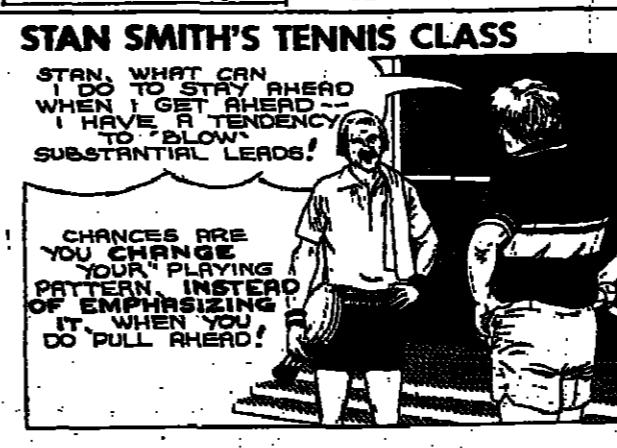
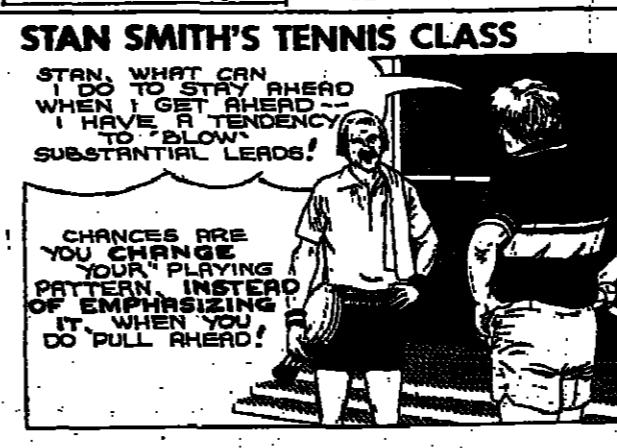
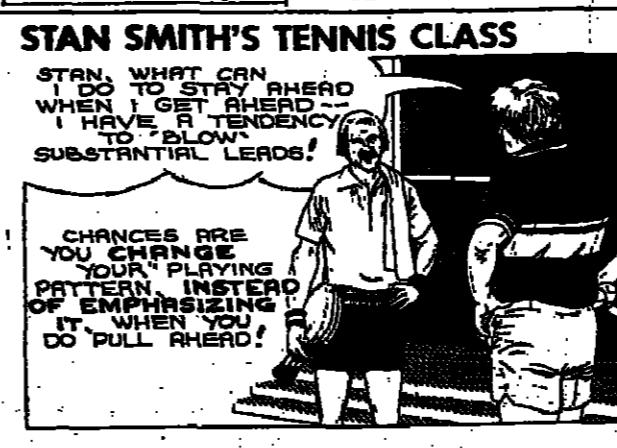
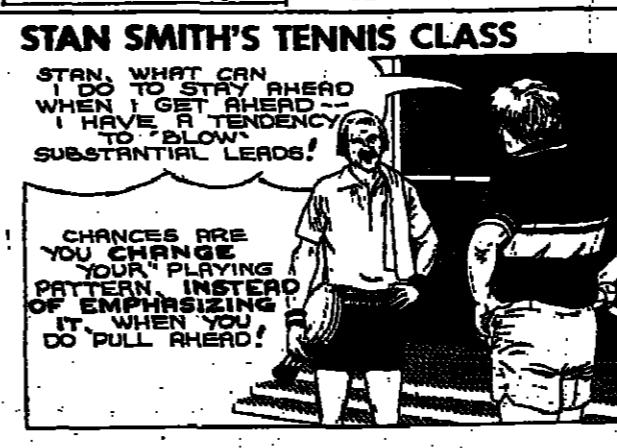
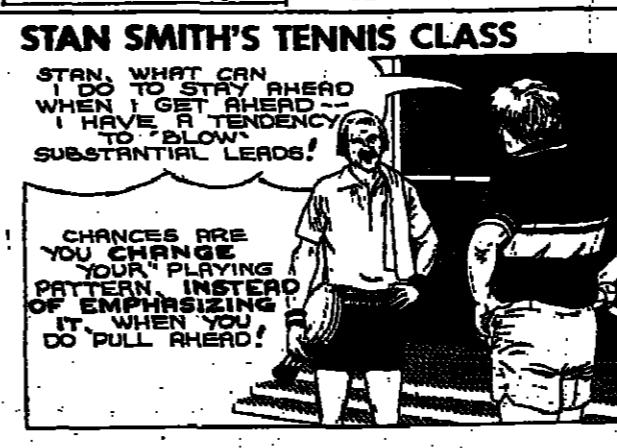
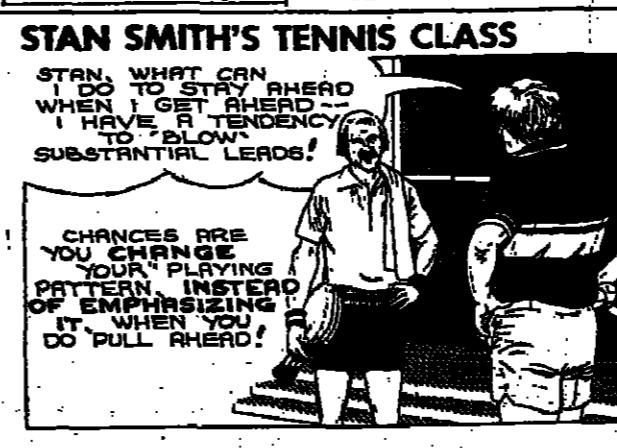
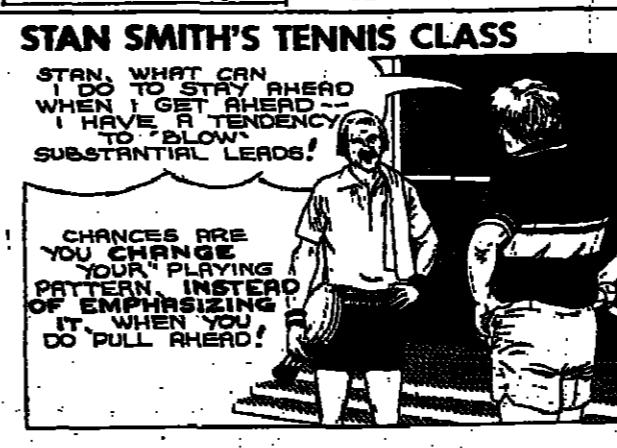
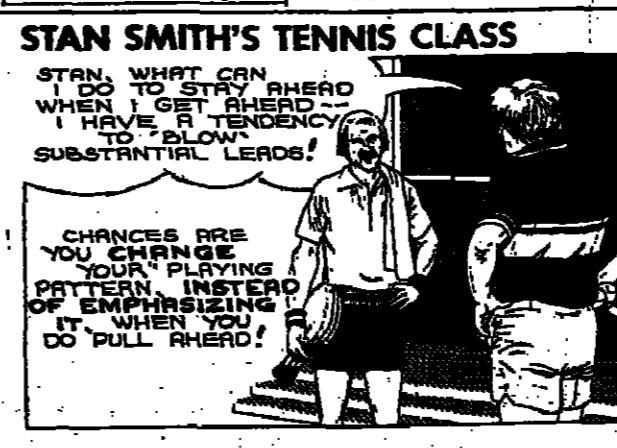
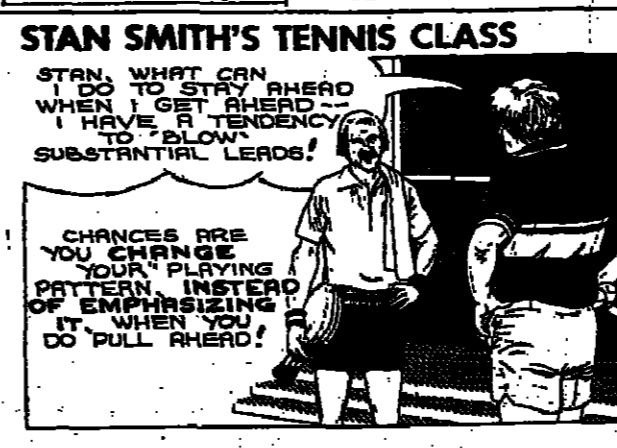
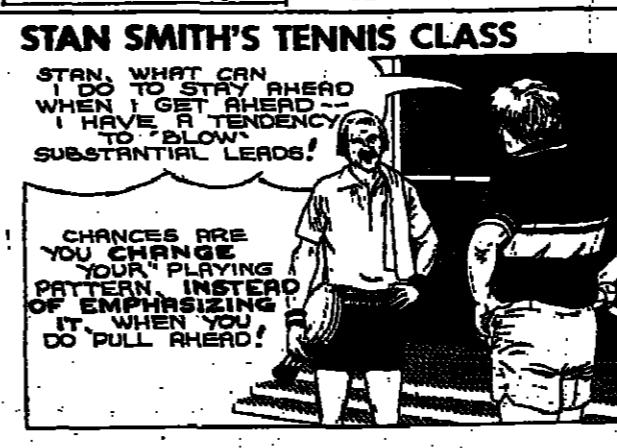
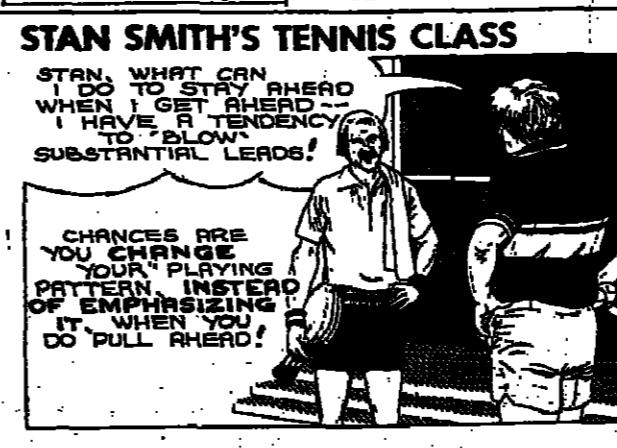
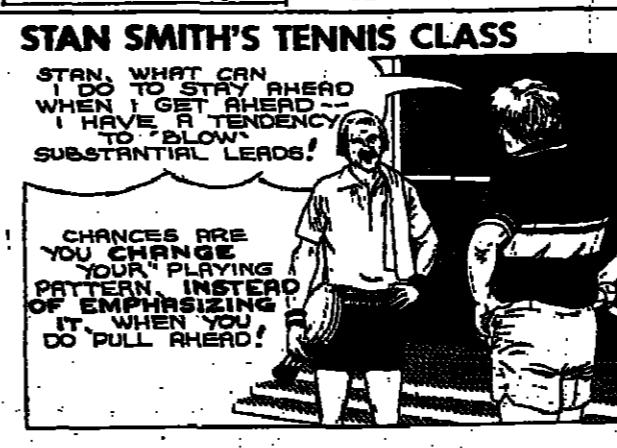
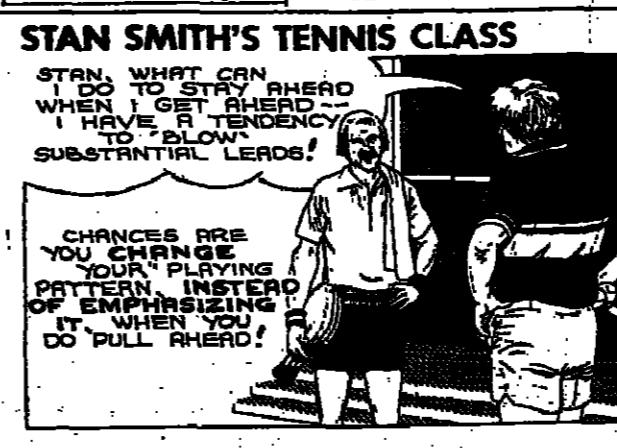
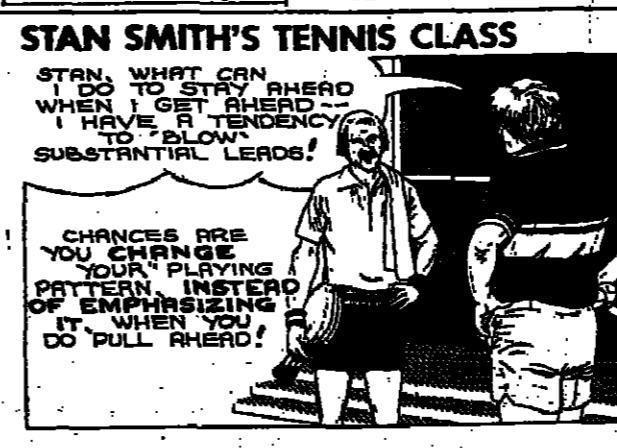
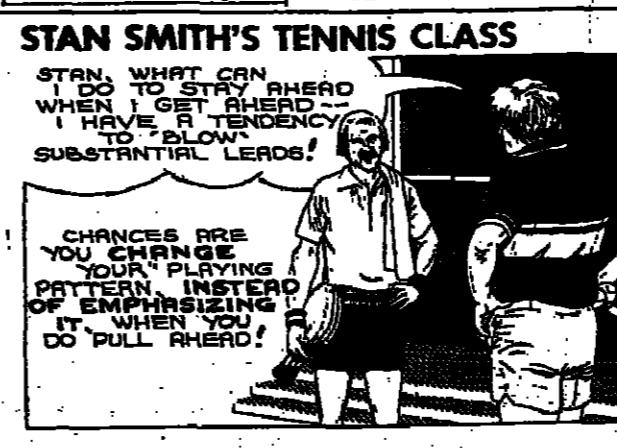
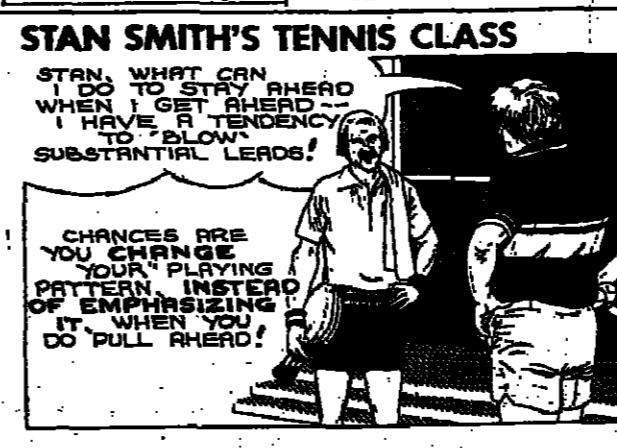
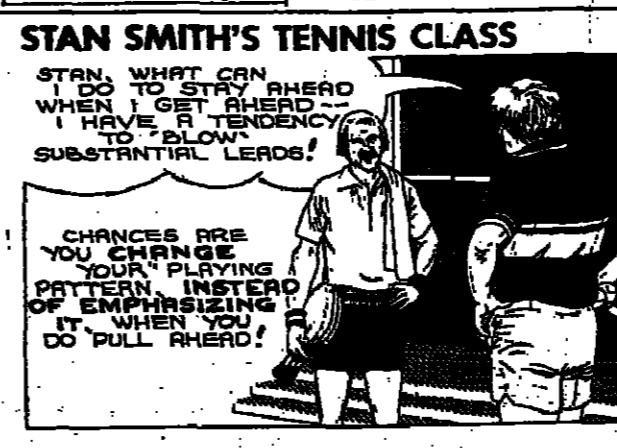
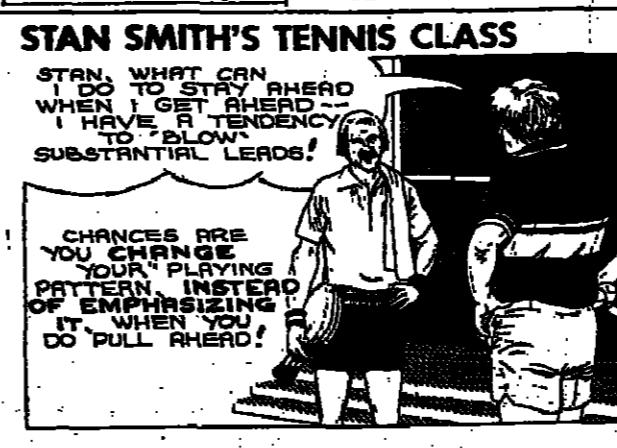
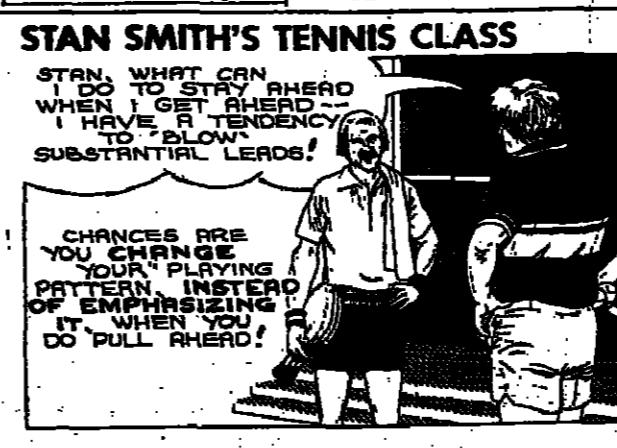
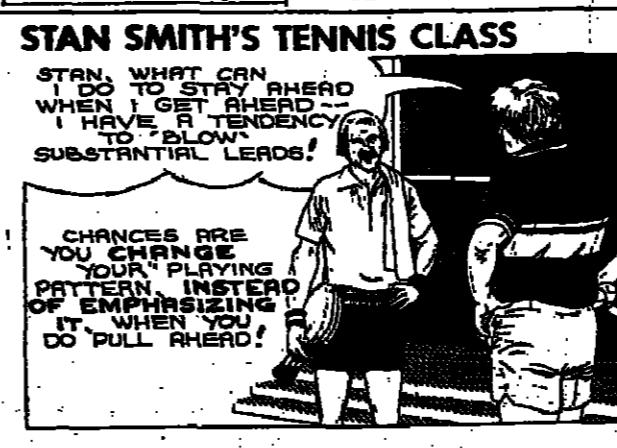
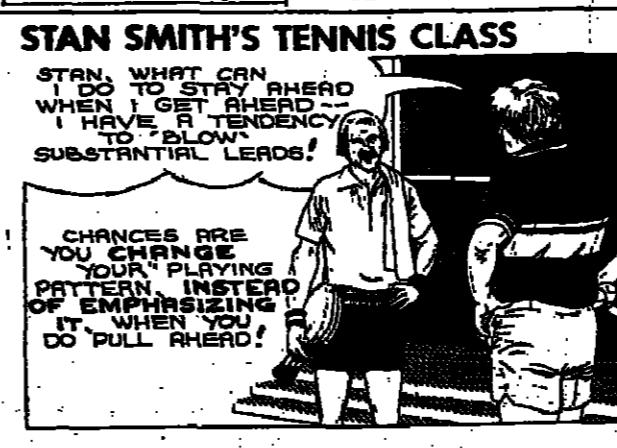
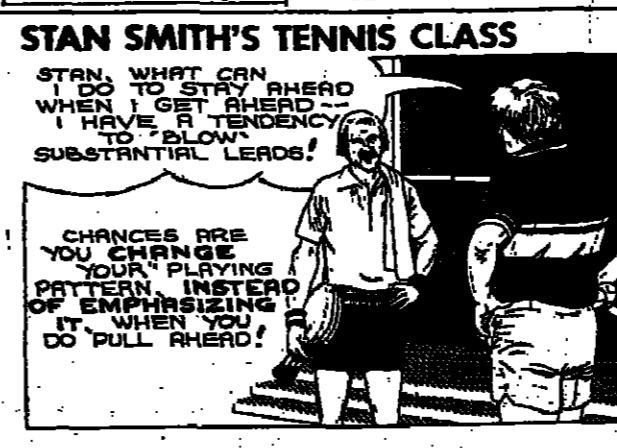
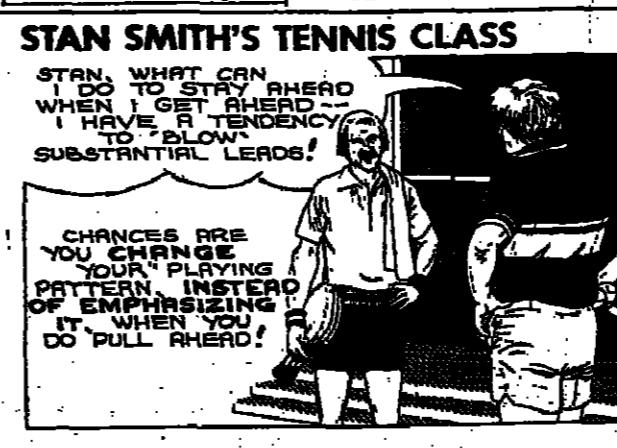
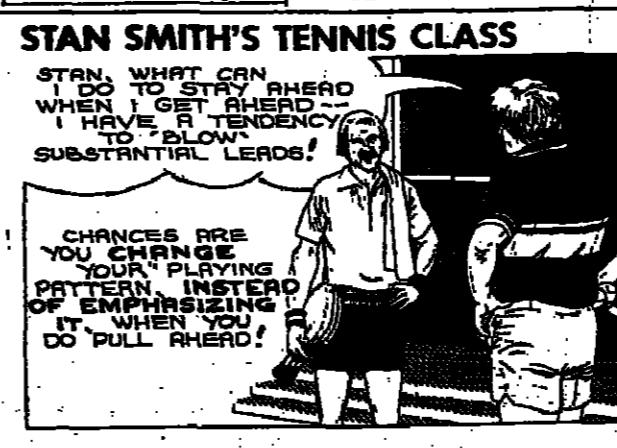
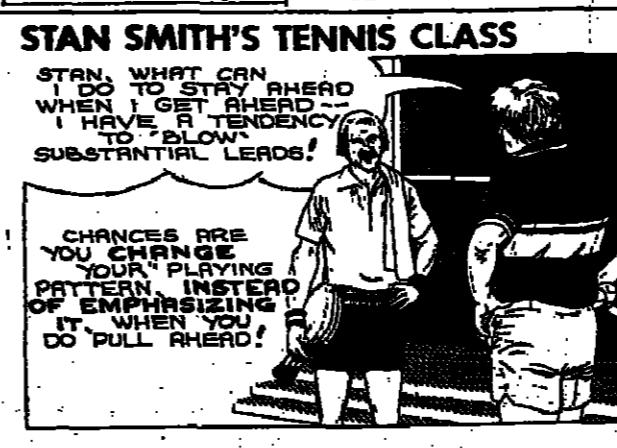
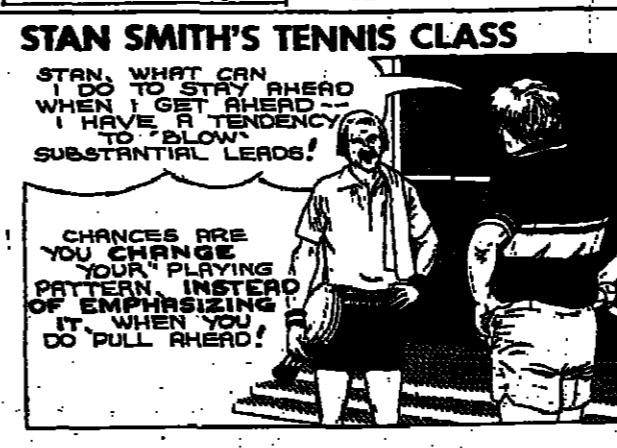
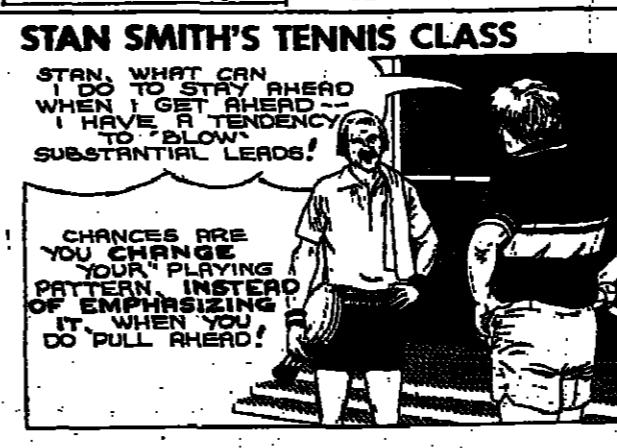
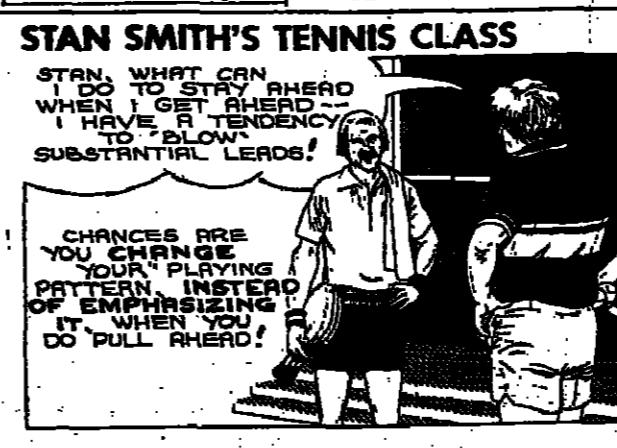
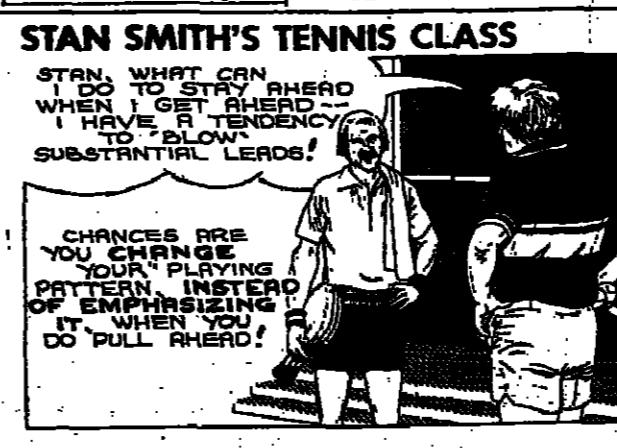
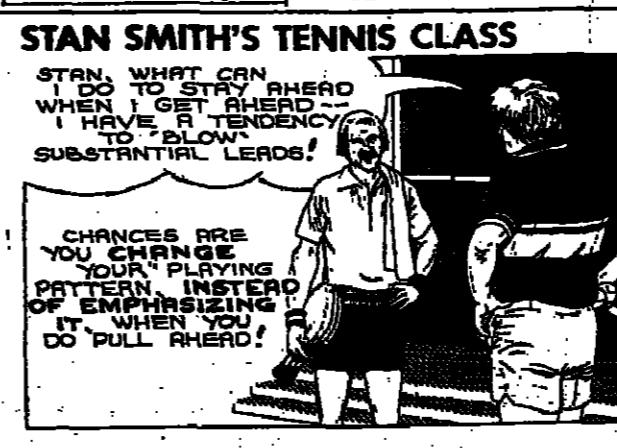
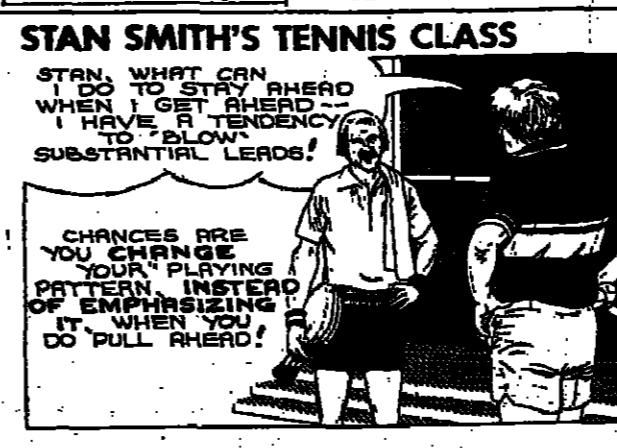
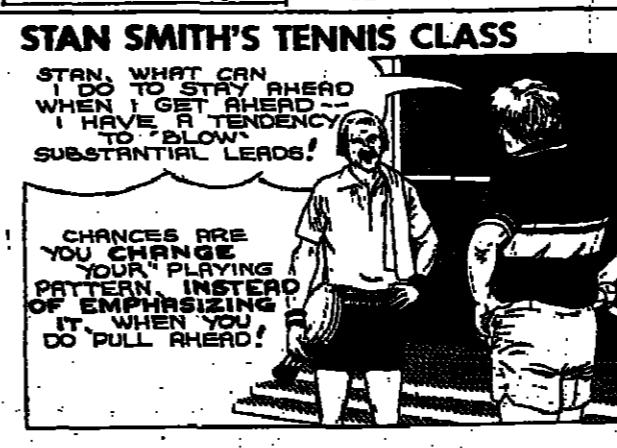
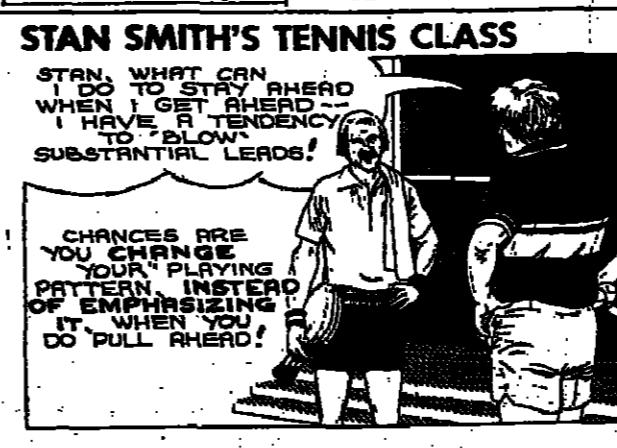
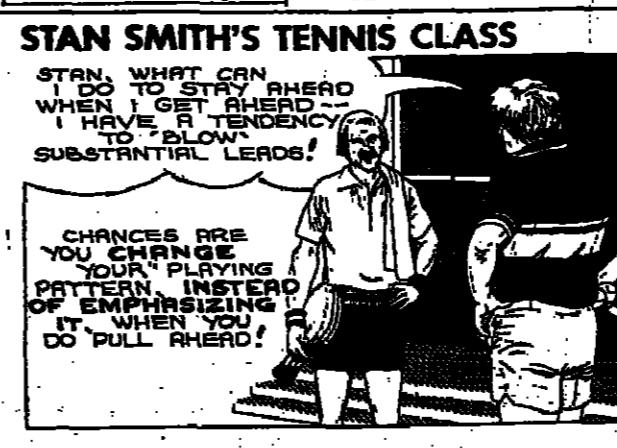
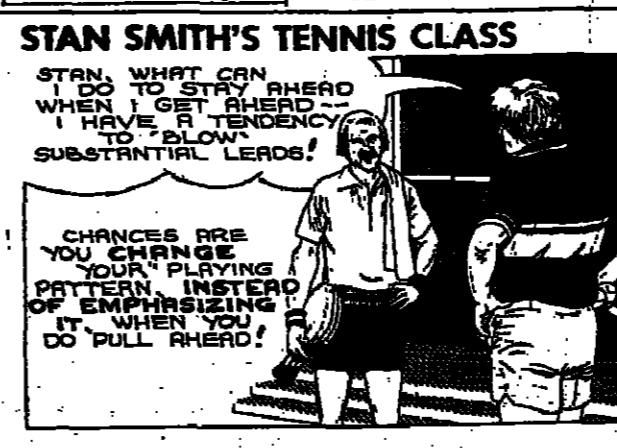
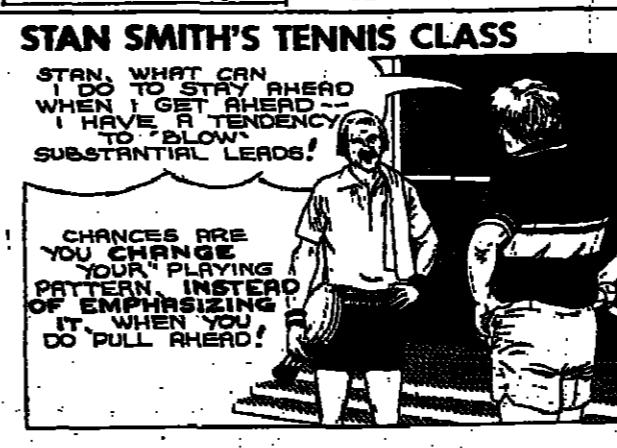
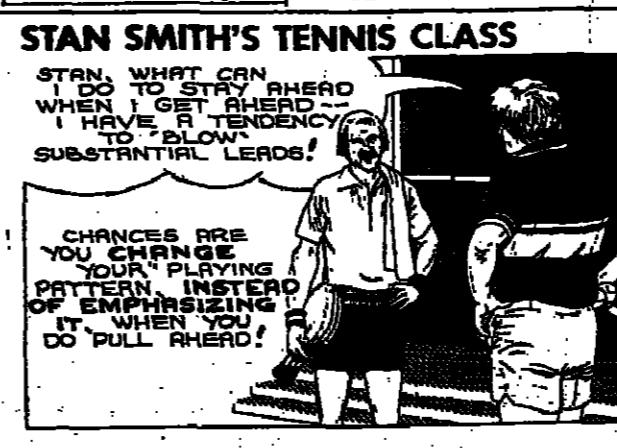
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*Both sides demand clarification*

## Iran, U.S. at odds on custody terms

TEHRAN, April 4 (AP) — Tehran Radio declared Friday that U.S. President Jimmy Carter apparently has turned down the Revolutionary Council's request to clarify his response to Iran's demands for transferring the American hostages to government control.

"It seems that the U.S. president has rejected the Iranian Revolutionary Council's call to clarify his stand candidly," the broadcast said in reporting Washington's position on the issue.

The foreign ministry said the Carter administration seems to be engaging in a war of nerves, and a spokesman for the militants who seized the 50 hostages in the U.S. embassy in Tehran 153 days ago said, "We didn't expect the great satan of America to do anything but make empty threats."

Meanwhile, about 200 demonstrators gathered outside the U.S. embassy declaring support for the militants and protesting what they said was U.S. pressure to release the hostages before the issue is decided by Iran's new parliament.

The Revolutionary Council delayed taking control of the hostages Thursday and demanded clarification from Washington of the U.S. response to Iran's conditions.

In response, White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said, "The American position has been clearly stated. We hope the authorities in Iran will carefully consider that position and the full implications of the situation before making a final decision."

Asked if this indicated Carter might order new sanctions against Iran, Powell said it "generally was not productive to fix deadlines." But he conceded that his reference to the "clearly stated" U.S. position included

past official pronouncements on possible retaliation.

An American television network, ABC, reported that Bani-Sadr asked Carter in a telex to say he understood it was the Iranian parliament's "right" to decide the fate of the hostages. The report said Carter responded in a telex that he understood that was the Iranian position but made no mention of parliament's "right."

Publicly, Carter said Bani-Sadr's speech was a positive development and he would defer further sanctions for the time being.

Bani-Sadr said Wednesday that as far as he was concerned the United States had met the conditions for the council to take control of the hostages. But the council, in a four-hour meeting Thursday, refused to agree with him.

Foreign Minister Saeed Qotbzadeh told reporters in Tehran that what Carter said "wasn't precisely what the council had in mind." He said the ruling body "must have some more information on the precise position of the United States concerning the statements which were made by Mr. Bani-Sadr."

He said the Iranian government will make up its mind on the hostage transfer immediately after Carter clarifies the U.S. position. Asked when he expects Carter's answer, he said, "I hope within a couple of days." He also said he thought the council probably will make its final decision Sunday.

One of the militants holding the hostages in the U.S. embassy said before the council met, "We have not received any requests. We don't want to deliver the spy nest. When we make a decision, we will act."

Another militant said, "We will accept any

decision that the Revolutionary Council makes."

The militants demand that the former Shah and his fortune be returned to Iran as the price of the hostages' freedom. But Ayatollah Khomeini, the leader of the Iranian revolutionary regime, says the captives' fate will be decided by the 270-member Majlis, or parliament, which is expected to meet in June.

The militants took over the embassy while

the Shah was undergoing cancer treatment in New York. The monarch flew to Panama Dec. 15 and to Egypt March 23, a day before extradition papers were filed by Iran's representatives in Panama City. His cancerous spleen was removed in a Cairo hospital last week, but the disease has spread to his liver and he is undergoing chemotherapy.

Muslim students from Egyptian universities protested at Asyut University south of Cairo Thursday against the Shah's presence.

### Remembering Tehran hostages

## America 'tying ribbons'

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"It seems everybody has been straining to find some way in which they could show their support," she said.

She and other wives have set up a group called Families Liaison Action Group (FLAG) to help keep up morale.

Mrs. Bonnie Graves, another Washington member of FLAG, says she knows from her own experience that the wives of hostages have their up days and their down days. She and Mrs. Kennedy have both spent time on the phone cheering up depressed wives.

Mrs. Kennedy says: "I think it's worse for people outside the Washington area. There are more of us here. We can talk to each other."

A communications center at the State Department, which coordinates official action and keeps in touch with the families, maintains a 24-hour task force monitoring the situation.

A State Department spokesman says one duty of the task force has been to receive telephone calls and letters from the general public.

He says these letters express support for the hostages, give advice and mete out either praise or criticism for the government. "But generally we get more calls that are critical than supportive," he said. "People are letting off a little steam."

Despite this preoccupation of critical letters, the American public remained solidly behind the efforts of President Jimmy Carter to win the release of the hostages, at least until a week ago.

The president refused to go out campaigning for his own candidacy in the primary elections saying that he was too busy working on the hostage crisis. Democrats voted massively for him all the same.

But a week ago Democrats in New York state and Connecticut voted instead for his rival Senator Edward Kennedy and one of the reasons they gave for doing so was they were losing confidence in his handling of Iran and foreign affairs in general.

In news broadcasts, Iran became such a subject of consuming interest that two networks introduced a special late night newscast to give the public the latest news on the hostages.

The Iran newscasts made late night television viewing so popular that one of the networks, ABC, has made the program a permanent fixture.

And all newscasts have adopted a new way of signing off which is likely to remain until the hostages are released.

"That is the news," they say, "on this the 153rd day of captivity for the American hostages in Iran."

One aspect of the crisis that has abated is overt and violent hostility towards Iranians in the United States.



**CYCLING TOURIST:** Moomi Wilkkinen, a retired carpenter from Finland, makes friends with a young cyclist in Melbourne, Australia. Wilkkinen is touring the world by bicycle. He started eight years ago and has already traveled 75,000 kilometers and visited 60 countries. Wilkkinen is 69.

## Gold dealers off for Easter Dollar up in holiday trading

LONDON, April 4 (AP) — Most of the world's foreign exchanges were closed for Christian Good Friday at the start of a long Eastern holiday weekend, but in those places that were open, the dollar added to its recent gains.

Bullion markets were closed.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed in quiet trading at 258.15 yen, up from Thursday's finish of 257.575 and 249.775 a week ago.

Dealers said that trading was quiet before the Easter weekend in overseas markets, with spot transactions totaling only \$1.13 million compared to totals of more than \$1 billion in several sessions this week.

The dollar opened at 258.00 yen and fluctuated narrowly between 257.90 yen and 258.30 throughout the session. The Bank of Japan was believed to have sold an estimated \$50 million in the market to prevent the yen from falling further.

The unarbitrated report was in Japan's business newspaper *Nikkei Keizai*. If true, the measure would follow a swap agreement reached with the Swiss central bank and moves to attract foreign depositors, neither of which had much effect this week as the yen continued to fall.

**Engineer hesitates, house goes to pieces**

LOS ANGELES, April 4 (R) — The engineer looked, and looked again and realized it was really there — a house crossing the railway track.

He braked, but his locomotive hit the house and scattered parts of it almost one km along the line Thursday, police said.

The two-story house was being moved on a flatbed truck by road and was crossing the

On Tuesday the dollar jumped more than 4.00 yen, the highest since Oct. 21, 1977, to 253.65 yen after opening at 250 yen. At one point the dollar soared as high as 258.80 yen to break through the "psychological barrier" of 258.00 yen. Immediately after the foreign exchange closed, the Bank of Japan announced the signing of the agreement with the Swiss.

But Wednesday the U.S. currency advanced further to close at 256.50 after opening at 256.00 yen. The central bank estimated \$300 million to \$400 million.

On Thursday, despite the Bank of Japan pumping in about \$100 million to prop up the yen, the dollar closed at 257.575 yen after opening at 256.50 yen.

In Europe, the only finance centers open for business were in Italy and France.

In Milan, the dollar was set at 908.5 lire, up from 904.05 late Thursday. In Paris, the dollar was worth 4,535 French francs, up from 4,525.

The dollars put in highest levels in two years or more as foreign investors put the money into U.S. dollar holdings because the record-high 20 per cent interest rates offer.

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Police quoted the driver as saying: "I can round a curve and there was a building across the tracks. I put on the brakes, but there was nothing else I could do."

A man sitting on top of the moving house to make sure it cleared power lines jumped to the ground when he saw the train coming and sprained his ankle.

**A nation of 'workaholics'**

**Industrious Japanese advised to take a break**

**TOKYO, April 4 (AP) —** Stung by foreign complaints that Japan is a nation of work addicts, the Japanese government is prodding workers to take advantage of their vacation time.

According to the latest labor ministry figures, salaried workers in Japan use about 60 per cent of their paid leave every year. In small companies with fewer than 100 employees, workers spend half their vacation time at their desks or operating their machines.

Workers in the highly competitive electronic industry may be tops at giving up vacations, says the 520,000-member Federation of Electric Workers' Unions of Japan. A federation survey found that workers use only 8.6 of their average of 28.3 days of entitled paid leave, about 30 per cent.

The government is pushing for greater use of vacation time and a five-day work week to improve labor and living conditions, to save energy and to create more jobs. It faces resistance, however, from companies and workers who are happy with the way things are.

While 40 per cent of those surveyed by the federation said they were unhappy about missing their time off, 37 per cent said they had no complaints. Main reasons given for staying on the job were that vacations cause hardships for fellow workers and leave them with piled-up work when they return, the federation said.

**Kazuyoshi Koshiro, professor of labor economics at Yokohama National University, said the inconvenience of fellow workers is a problem. He also cited Japan's lifetime employment system as a factor.**

Japanese are inveterate travelers, but the cost of tourism throughout the annual paid leave — usually 20 days plus national holidays — is too high for many. Many workers, moreover, would rather work than sit home in cramped living quarters.

Koshiro said some companies have discouraged leave-taking by reducing semi-annual bonuses, which total up to six months of annual pay, for workers who take their allotted vacations. Only recently has the government taken steps to prevent this practice, he said.

Bright young office workers on the "elite course" to executive positions are under pressure to earn promotions by camping out behind their desks while less motivated employees are at the beach or on the ski slopes.

Shunning vacations is also due to loyalty. "Most Japanese workers feel their own fate is tied to that of the company. They think working hard to help the company succeed is the path to their own success," Koshiro said.

To Westerners, such behavior is just plain odd. A European Economic Community report leaked last year said Japan had piled up huge trade surpluses because

"it is a nation of workaholics who live in rabbit huts."

That comment started a debate in the editorial and letter columns of newspapers, and is still quoted frequently.

The government launched a campaign last year to persuade workers to take vacations and companies to close down during summer holidays.

It changed the labor laws to abolish nine-hour work days for police, firemen and some other service jobs.

Work weeks of 5½ or six days are the rule in many industries. But the labor ministry has applied "administrative guidance" toward its goal of a universal five-day work week by 1985. Now, only 24 per cent of Japanese workers have two full days off each week.

The Sumitomo Bank estimated last year that a five-day work week could create 2.2 million new jobs — for a nation which has only 1.1 million unemployed.

The ministry of international trade and industry has estimated that the five-day work week would save 800,000 kiloliters of oil a year, or 0.3 per cent of Japan's consumption.

It might also soothe some of Japan's trading partners. When the United States and Japan were at odds over car exports, one Japanese official said: "We may face criticism that Japan exports cars by working 13 months a year."

The Japanese in 1978 worked an average 41.1 hours a week, compared to 37.2 hours in the United States and 36.2 hours in West Germany.

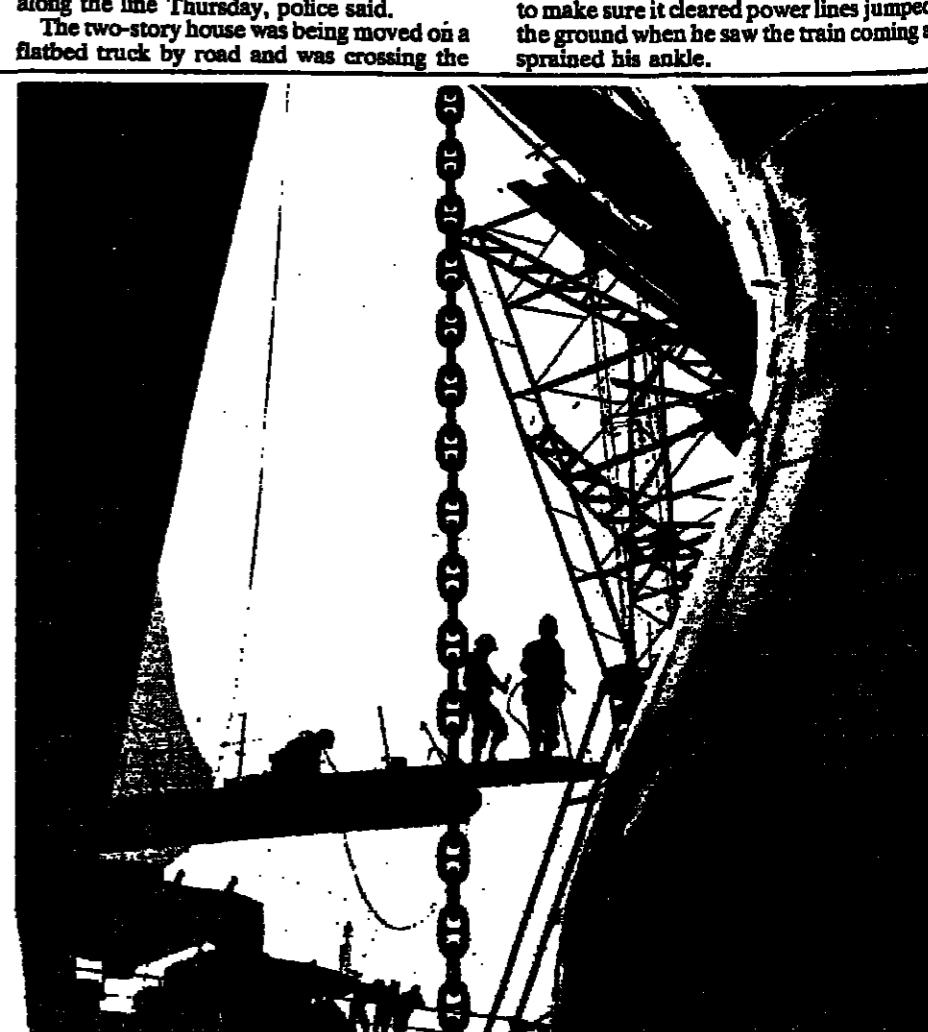
They seem to thrive on this regimen. Men here are among the world's longest lived and there is no indication that their long hours cause physical illness or mental strain.

Koshiro said young people, particularly women, now entering the work force are more concerned with leading full lives away from their jobs and are less willing to skip vacations or work long overtime hours.

"But such issues as the five-day work week and ample paid leave did not really arise in Japan until the early 1970's, and it probably will be another decade before Japan falls in line with current U.S. and European labor practices," Koshiro said.

He estimated that workers in the large automobile, steel, and electronics industries are on the job between 50 and 150 hours more a year than their Western counterparts, and admitted there is some truth to the charges that the Japanese work too much.

"But I think the 40-hour week should be the normal labor pattern. Current trends in Europe to sharply reduce working hours and giving special leave for such things as wives' pregnancies are a waste of human resources," Koshiro said. "They are going too far."



Japanese shipbuilders work on the bulbous bow of a supertanker.